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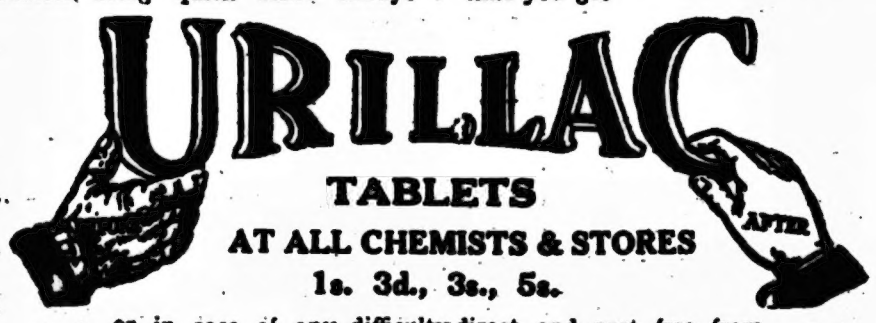


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## "THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

*[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]*

**Our Christmas Cheer for Soldiers.**

Next week we shall announce the details of a scheme under which we hope to raise one million shillings, to be distributed amongst the Mayors throughout the country, for the entertainment of ex-fighting men at Christmas. We have had too much of "It's Tommy this and Tommy that" whilst he *was* fighting, and we must prove the sincerity of our gratitude.

**Wrekin "Guarantees."**

We desire to make it quite clear that neither directly not indirectly have any assurances been given by us on behalf of General Townshend, as regards his policy if elected for Wrekin. He will belong to *our* group.

**Coming Round.**

By degrees the Press is coming round. Even the *Saturday Review* now welcomes the forthcoming advent of General Townshend to Parliament. But when our contemporary urges him to tackle the muddle in Mesopotamia —well, it should read his Memorandum of two years ago, to Mr. Montagu, on the subject.

**The Blue and Khaki League.**

Things are moving slowly but surely towards an amalgamation of the Comrades and the Federation in our Great League, which we have ventured to christen in advance.

**An Absurd Conception.**

According to the much-discussed author of "The Mirrors of Downing Street," people have got it into their heads that Mr. Churchill is "a sort of intellectual Horatio Bottomley." As though there could be such a thing!

**What about a *Sailor*?**

We suppose it is too late now to plead for the state burial of an unknown *sailor*. Surely the sister, and the senior, Service ought not to have been overlooked We fancied we observed a somewhat disappointed expression on the faces of the Admirals as they stood at the graveside of The Soldier. In our judgment the Mercantile Marine alone justified the suggestion.

**Dutch Courage.**

The Labour Party in Winchester are appealing for funds to run a candidate at the next Election—their nomination being a Conscientious Objector, Mr. Haycock—and amongst the messages of encouragement is one from Colonel Wedgwood, M.P., saying: "It requires quite as much courage to go to prison again and again for conscience's sake as it does to go over the top and keep going." What damned rot!

**If You Want £1,000.**

If you want to win the £1,000 First Prize offered for "Bullets," send in your coupon this week. Over 6,000 prizes, value nearly £2,000, must be won. See page 24.

**What a Job!**

In briefing Sir Marlay Samson, K.C., to prosecute in the Greenwood case, the Crown followed the usual precedent of instructing the leading Counsel on Circuit. Probably a more experienced criminal advocate would have thrown up his brief.

**The New Psychology.**

Our contemporary the *Daily News* is always interesting reading—except, perhaps, when dealing with news. Thus, it explains the general interest in the Greenwood trial on the ground that "every man recognises his own dormant capacity for evil." In other words, we are all potential murderers!


THIS WEEK

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**Bravo, Birmingham!**

Will other Corporations controlling tramway services emulate the example of Birmingham and issue free passes to wounded soldiers?

**Slavery at Hong Kong.**

This scandal must be sifted. Smug official denials from smug Under-Secretaries will not do. There is only too good reason to believe that traffic in young girls for purposes other than domestic service is rampant in the Colony.

**Lest we Forget!**

On Thursday evening and Friday morning last week all the contents bills and all the papers were filled with references to the passing of the Unknown Warrior. By mid-day on the Friday they were all alive with the news of "Century against M.C.C." We are a wonderful people!

**Deaths of M.P.s.**

We quite agree with the suggestion made by several of our readers that the death of a Member of Parliament should be officially communicated to the House by the Speaker—when Members would have an opportunity afforded for paying a mark of respect to their late colleague. As a matter of fact, there is no legal evidence of death furnished to the House.

**Government Niggardliness.**

Surely it is a scandal that thrifty persons with deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank, earning only 2½ per cent. interest, should be mulct in income-tax. We must have a word with the Chancellor.

**"Scum."**

According to an American journal, "The scum of English prisons is being turned loose to reinforce the Royal Irish Constabulary and spread terrorism in Ireland." To quote such a vile lie is its own refutation.

**The New Revelation.**

Everybody last Sunday was discussing Dr. Ellis Powell's first article in the *National News* on the mysteries of the Beyond. The series now appearing will, beyond all doubt, stimulate public interest in the study of the problem of life after death.

**The Poet Laureate.**

Where was Dr. Bridges at the Abbey ceremonial last week? Isn't it a bit of a scandal that the choir should have had to sing a hymn, "The Supreme Sacrifice," by an unknown author, and wind up with Kipling's "Recessional,"—not that we think the Laureate could at any time equal the latter poem.

**The Premier Sings.**

Nobody in the congregation, by the way, sang with such zest as the Prime Minister. A cynic sitting near us during the rending of "Abide with me," observing the fervour with which Mr. Lloyd George joined in the hymn, remarked: "You notice he is not looking at Winston."

**Such is Fame!**

According to a referendum recently taken by the *Primrose League Gazette*, the "ten public men most easily recognised in the street" are Mr. Asquith, Mr. Balfour, Admiral Beatty, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Lloyd George, Earl Haig, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Smillie and ourselves. What about Mr. Greenwood?

**Save the Children Fund.**

We are endeavouring to clear up the mystery attaching to this fund, in view of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's disclaimer regarding the Government grant of £ per £ for all money subscribed. Meanwhile we commend to our readers the appeal of Mrs. Henry Dickens—wife of the Common Serjeant—for woollen and flannel garments for the poor in the devastated regions of France. Her address is 8, Mulberry Walk, Chelsea, London S.W.

**Exit Wilson.**

We are at one with *Truth* in its view that the overwhelming demonstration against Cox was more than anything else a demonstration against Wilson. Oh, those Fourteen Points! And JOHN BULL was the only journal which ridiculed them at the time.

**The Pensions Problem.**

We read that George Robson, an ex-soldier who served in the Dardanelles and Palestine, and won the D.C.M., is an inmate of Hull Workhouse, and that "an effort is to be made" to secure him a pension. If he is deemed qualified for one he is presumably disabled or permanently ill; and in such case why need an "effort" be made? Is this another instance of the callous, unsympathetic, unimaginative methods of Pensions Officers?

**The Wheat Problem.**

It is incomprehensible to the average mind why bread should be at its present price, in face of the reduction in the cost of wheat in America and Canada, among other world centres. The Government is seriously to blame for its blind and obstinate adherence to the inflated price of wheat in this country; and its action—or inaction—in the matter is causing untold hardship, and very often distress to the multitude.

**Sinn Fein Hopes.**

So the Cork Hunger Strike has been called off! We are glad to see at last a semblance—however slender—of the approach of ordinary, sane and Constitutional methods in the Council of the Sinn Feiners. We hope that the movement will not stop here, but will be developed all along the line. The moment there is a real and sincere endeavour to come to grips in a practical and human manner—that moment will differences, seemingly irreconcilable, begin to dissolve, and pave the way for the long, tragically overdue Peace. May it be at hand!

**The Dump-Heap.**

What about the ever-increasing quantities of goods of all kinds that are being dumped down in England from alien sources—not forgetting Germany—and what about that long-promised Anti-Dumping Bill? A "revised version" has now been promised by the Prime Minister "as soon as possible," so far as we understand his latest utterance. We hope he intends business this time—for otherwise it means penalising our own people in many ways. Surely the pie-crusts we have recently encountered have been made of much sterner stuff than Government promises.

**Red "Brade."**

The Minister of Pensions (Mr. Macpherson) has appointed Sir Reginald Brade as Chairman of the Special Grants Committee, in succession to Sir Matthew Nathan. The post, though an honorary one, is of major importance in connection with State assistance to discharged sailors and soldiers. We hope that Sir Reginald—who, we understand, has been a Director of the Austin Motor Works since he retired from the Secretaryship to the War Office—will do full justice to the sympathetic requirements of the post. We came into contact with many persons at the War Office who had no love for Sir Reginald; but we wish him well. It has always seemed a peculiar coincidence to us, however, that anyone named "Brade" should have been the head of a Department rather prominently associated with "red tape."

**A Soulless Rag.**

The *Daily Herald* on Thursday contained an utterly scandalous letter from Francis Meynell. It ridiculed the Homecoming and Burial of the Unknown Warrior, and every fine feeling attributed to the solemn ceremony, in the most callous and scurrilous fashion. It jeered, sneered, and jibed at every vestige of sympathy and sorrow and remembrance associated with the mourners and relatives of dead soldiers. To do justice to the paper in which it appeared, the *Daily Herald* itself had a most sympathetic reference to the solemn event almost at the side of Meynell's letter; and we are astonished, therefore, that even it should have given publicity to his wanton screed.

**Arid Sabbatarianism.**

Once again has the Middlesex County Council rejected a proposal that the cinemas under its jurisdiction should be opened on Sundays. For the umpteenth time, the old, crusted and musty arguments have been trotted out, by sanctimonious and self-sufficient nobodies, against providing harmless and pleasant amusement on Sunday evenings, when the alternative is often the muddy, foggy streets of winter, or being cooped up in small rooms! In other districts of London hundreds of cinemas are open on Sunday evenings, with excellent results. The continued presence of sterilised sabbatarians on local Councils is due to the apathy of the electors, who suffer when it is too late to alter things.

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**Does His Lordship Know?**

In the course of his recent address on his inauguration as Lord Rector of Aberdeen University, Lord Cowdray referred to the necessity for "finding out the way to the partnership and the mutual understanding which will alone bring peace" in the industrial world. On his own Scottish estate of Dunecht, men in the building trade have just been asked to accept less than the Union rate of wages (which was actually conceded after a one-day strike), and, on refusing, they were paid off. Does Lord Cowdray know the difference between his theory of "mutual understanding" and its practice on his property?

**One for "A.G.G."**

Mr. A. G. Gardiner must by now rather regret his recent Open Letter to M. Poincaré in the *Daily News*. In the course of a stinging reply, the ex-President points out that, while the desire to trade with Germany is "very legitimate," there is no reason to sacrifice French interests to aid British traders, neither does he understand why it is "necessary to calumniate France in order to secure the good graces of German traders." That is a dignified retort; and if the French statesman has incidentally over-estimated the importance of "A. G. G." and his effusions, he is none the less justified in denouncing any attempt to sow disaffection between two Allies.

**M.P.s' Wages.**

Some Members of Parliament are asking for higher wages, in order to cope with the increased cost of living. Well, we have a perfectly open mind on this matter. Some M.P.s, we believe, fully earn their salary, and others, well—that is doubtless a matter for their constituents. High thinking is, of course, supposed to go with plain living, but we have known instances—even in the present House of Commons—where the quality and practice seemed rather divorced than married. But perhaps it was only a temporary judicial separation.

**Cruel Irony!**

That was a rather cruel piece of irony on the part of Mr. Justice Shearman a day or two ago at Carmarthen Assizes, in the course of a trial for murder. The Judge strongly rebuked a man for coughing loudly, failing to notice it was the prisoner. Said his Lordship: "If you cannot control yourself, leave the Court." Poor wretch—how he would have loved to do so! What a moment of tragedy! We are sorry the charge was so gravé a one, otherwise Mr. Justice Shearman, whose sporting proclivities are well known, might have let the prisoner take him at his word.

**Leather or What?**

An endeavour is being made to establish an allied "Shoe and Leather Hall-Mark Association," and obtain the registration of a distinctive trade mark, as with gold and silver, thus securing recognition of genuine values. We think the idea a sound one, if it be practicable. It is stated there is an immense quantity of shoddy footwear on sale. Certainly some of the "cheap" boots we have seen are dreadful rubbish, and the working classes are nicely fleeced thereby. We remember the adage there is "nothing like leather." After an examination of some of these boots, we should say so.

**The Dye-Stuff Problem.**

The Dye Industry is one of the most striking instances where indifference and neglect on the part of the Government to a most vital matter has led to depreciation and injury to British interests. Again and again, during the war, we were told by Ministers in the Commons of the paramount importance of England being supreme, unfettered and independent in the matter of dye-stuffs. What has happened? Owing to the apparent freedom for German dye-makers to dump their products when, where and how they please in this country, the British Dye-Stuffs Corporation—formed at the instigation of the Government, in 1919—is being seriously imperilled. Once again—Oh, for a Business Government!

**With the Lark!**

A discussion has been proceeding recently as to the best hours for work. It appears that the "ayes" have it for five o'clock in the morning. Shades of the dark and muggy morn—what a time to exercise mind or body! The truth is, there is no golden rule; everyone must work out his own salvation and suit himself—as far as the nature of his occupation and circumstances permits. Some people can work at all hours, and we have known quite a number who never work at all. Many brain-workers are fond of using the midnight oil—and other kinds as accessories. But five in the morning—up with the lark. Oh! What a lark!

**Local Limerick.**

(*At Cowes Pier, just as an eloping couple were about to embark on the steamer for Southampton, the girl's mother dashed up in a motor and persuaded her to return home.*)

There was a smart lady whose daughter
Was about to elope o'er the water,
But the girl was espied
On the marge of the tide;
So she went home with ma as she oughter.

**A Sudden Rise.**

A defendant at the West Powder (Cornwall) Sessions is puzzled to know why he was fined 18s. for riding a bicycle without a rear light—he had a front one—when "at the same Court on the same day" the same Magistrates fined another defendant only 9s. "for having no light at all." We can offer no explanation of this curious rise in prices.

**All in the Family.**

Farnham Guardians have bought a nice big house and grounds as a nurses' home. The vendor is Mr. J. R. Nash, and the Guardians have agreed to take over from him the lighting fittings. There is a valuation to be made, and the gentleman appointed by the Board to make it is Mr. A. J. Nash, brother of the seller. In the circumstances of the relationship, we wonder Mr. A. J. Nash did not gracefully suggest that somebody else should do the work.

**An Open Letter.**

Part letter found in a parcel of goods delivered in Canning Town recently: "Room——, O. M. G. F., War Office, S.W.1.—My Dear Miss W.—— You will be surprised to see my change of address. We had the great exodus yesterday, of course—of all those due to leave, and this morning to our great surprise Mr. H.——and section were sent down here, and I'm settled at the middle table as if I had never left at all. Thanks very much for the lovely little flower pot." So that's how the dear flappers are "substituted."

**The Cruelty of Desertion.**

A deserter from the Army sometimes not only brings down disgrace upon himself but misery and destitution on his wife and family. There is a case in point at Flint, where the wife and three children have become chargeable to the parish, as a result of the War Office, in consequence of the man's desertion, having stopped the separation allowance of £2 3s. 6d. since September. Unfortunately, in such cases the military authorities do not appear to put themselves out to apprehend the absconder, but callously cut off the wife's allowance without any concern as to what may become of her.

**An Eye Opener.**

Notwithstanding that the salary of a qualified chemist who is fortunate enough to get a job in this country is from £5 15s. to £7 a week, a firm of chemists in Aldersgate Street, E.C.—Messrs. S. Maw, Sons and Sons, Ltd.—are advertising for a man willing to learn Africana and with a knowledge of optics, to go to South Africa for three years at a salary for the first year of £20 a month and £30 a month afterwards. This is a salary, says a reader, was "offered in pre-war days, without knowledge of optics or learning a language." Perhaps, however, Messrs. Maw know the state of the market and anticipate a rush for the job.

**Far-Away House.**

Already many are losing faith in the Housing Schemes. A Wolverhampton reader, applying for a Council house at Heath Town, has received a form of application. But he has not applied, for he reckons that a tenancy, rent, rates, taxes, etc., would run him into 25s. a week. As he has a wife and child, and his income is £1 a week unemployment money as an ex-soldier, he feels he could never balance accounts.

**A Boon to the Workers.**

Answering advertisements for vacant positions, especially if stamped addressed envelopes be sent for reply, can be a serious financial drain on the unemployed. A correspondent suggests that special stamped envelopes should be issued free of charge at the Labour Exchanges to genuine unemployed applying for them. Such a scheme, from which it ought to be possible to eliminate the chance of fraudulent use, would certainly be a boon to the workless.

**Not War Service.**

A Chief Officer in the Mercantile Marine was twice torpedoed, the second time on a transport under Admiralty orders carrying munitions to Salonika. The Civil Service Commissioners debar him from competing for a clerkship, as they call his service not war service. He holds the British War Medal, Mercantile Marine Medal, and Lloyd's Medal. His leg is useless and he suffers through being "in the wars," but the Commissioners say him nay. That is his reward.

**Coal.**

During the strike, Charlton, Somerset, like many other small towns, was coalless. Nobody could procure even the hundredweight allowed on paper—nobody, that is, except one farmer, who received a whole truckload, on a permit issued by the Clerk to the Langport Council. The incident excited the indignation of the entire township, and it says much for the people's restraint that they did not proceed to direct action. The Clerk said it was ordered before the strike, but the excuse lacks point. One man has no right to tons while the rest have none.

**Government Skinflints.**

One, at least, of the Government Departments appears to mistake meannesss for economy. An ex-Service temporary clerk in receipt of £3 5s. a week, and a married man with three children withal, was lately asked to work overtime on a Sunday in connection with the coal strike. Eager to add to his meagre income, he consented. Imagine his feelings when he was subsequently informed that no overtime was payable, but that he would be granted a day's holiday in lieu of Sunday! A despicable deception.

**Two Moves on the Board.**

Durham County Education Committee did a couple of noteworthy things. First it graciously allowed a schoolmaster two weeks' leave of absence to attend a territorial camp—at his own expense, for no salary will be his while he does his duty. Then it calmly appointed Mr. Dowson, a member of the County Council, as Juvenile Employment Officer at a wage of £350 a year, rising to £425. Presumably, having secured a fat billet, Mr. Dowson will resign his Councillorship, but there was no indication that he had done so when favoured with the job.


**The sauce of the coveted recipe**

*For very many years an old-established Derbyshire family has brewed for its own enjoyment, and for the tables of its immediate neighbours, a wonderful sauce, the fame of which has spread far beyond the confines of the county. It was known as Old Derby Sauce.*

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## MILITARY COURT'S MISCARRIAGE.

### INQUIRY RESULT IN ELSLEY CASE.

George William Henry Elsley, of Feltham, gunner in the Royal Field Artillery, was demobilised in February, 1919, and re-enlisted in the following August. Subsequently mixed up in a "squabble," he was sentenced to 112 days' imprisonment in Staffordshire Detention Barracks. On 18th November he wrote from Rugeley Military Hospital this statement to his father at Feltham:—"On the morning of the 3rd my cell was unlocked by a lance-corporal and we were ordered to march. A staff-sergeant wanted to know why I did not turn out, and I told him I had finished soldiering. Then there came two staff-sergeants. I was told to fall in but I would not hear. It was then that a staff-sergeant had the handcuffs put on my hands behind my back. I was grabbed by someone in the middle of the back and pushed along. I was almost lifted off my feet while going along. The staff-sergeant shouted, "Make him run or double." After going along about 20 yards we came to the stairs, and I was then thrown down with great force. There was no chance of my saving myself; my hands were still handcuffed behind my back." From the bottom of the stairs Elsley was carried, suffering from terrible injuries, to hospital, where he died. At the inquest evidence was given by over a dozen witnesses, and the jury ultimately returned the verdict that death was due to pneumonia after an operation necessitated by the deceased being pushed down a flight of stone steps by Sergeant Gale while his hands were handcuffed behind his back, adding a rider that "there was no justification for such procedure and that Staff-Sergeant Winterton is deserving of censure for issuing the order for handcuffing behind," and calling upon the military authorities to hold an Inquiry into the whole matter forthwith. This Inquiry was held on 30th August last, and we have now, in a letter addressed to the father of the dead man, its astonishing result—that "it has not been established that your late son was subjected to any improper treatment." For whatever cause or reason, only four witnesses were called to give evidence at the Inquiry. Two of them were Sergeant Gale and Staff-Sergeant Winterton, accused and censured respectively by the Coroner's jury; the others independent witnesses—a staff-sergeant, named Powell, who spoke in their favour, and Fred George Simpson, whose evidence by itself was inadequate to justify the Court of Inquiry in coming to any other decision than that at which it arrived. What had become of all the other witnesses? Had they due notice of the official investigation? The pronounced decision is as deplorable a miscarriage of justice as has ever occurred in British military annals.

## LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT.

### WHERE A WOMAN CAN RELY ON GETTING HELP.

The housewife, whether she is the newly-made bride or the mature matron of experience, constantly finds cropping up in her home life little problems that present difficulties to her. Our sister paper *Everywoman's* makes a special point of dealing with such queries. A home weekly, edited by women for women, its staff have a sympathetic understanding of these troubles. If you write to them they will be happy to assist you on any point. This bright little paper deals with every branch of home life, and with each issue a pattern of simple but exclusive design is given away. Next week it is launching a new scheme, by which the home dressmaker who lacks experience can obtain, at a very reasonable figure, undergarments already cut out and only requiring making-up and embroidering.

## SMALL-POX AND SMALL SALARY.

### A REMARKABLE OFFER FROM DOVER.

"Wanted," says an advertisement appearing as from the Medical Officer of Health, Dover, "Married couple to act as caretakers at the Small-pox Hospital, Poulton, near Dover." Not a pleasant locality, you will notice, "Terms," it proceeds, "living accommodation free." The good couple in perspective are actually offered the chance to live in a small-pox hospital without paying for the luxury. Next comes the alluring climax—"£12 per annum for cleaning premises." The married couple are to caretake and keep clean the hospital for a wage of £1 per calendar month, 10s. each. They must feed and clothe themselves on that, buy their own boots and every morsel of food, and perhaps provide the materials for "cleaning premises" devoted to small-pox cases. We have printed many stories of "shocking salaries," but it would be hard to beat this atrocious example.

## THE RIGHT TO COMBINE.

### GENERAL ACCIDENT COMPANY AND ITS CLERKS.

Having been the first to call attention to the very acute grievances suffered by the staff of the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Association, we feel justified in saying that if ever strike action was warranted it is in this particular case, for there is something singularly out-of-date in the attitude which the Company have seen fit to adopt towards members of their staff belonging to the Guild of Insurance Officials. Employees have been dismissed for no other reason save their presumption in daring to join a Trade Union. It is not as though the Guild, or the employees of the Association, had even asked for higher salaries, justified as they would have been in such a demand. Employers must remember that such an attitude is not merely out-of-date, but intensely foolish, and that public opinion will not permit them to impose terms on the black-coated worker which they would not dare to insist on in the case of artisan employees.

## PUSSYFOOT IN ESSEX.

### ORSETT GUARDIANS BAN CHRISTMAS BEER.

An absurd situation arose at a recent meeting of the Orsett Guardians owing to the aqua-puritan predilections of some of the members, of whom one of the most prominent and uncompromising was a Mrs. A. A. F. Brooks. The question was whether beer should be provided with the Workhouse inmates' dinner on Christmas Day. Mrs. Brooks declared that she objected to it on principle, and proceeded to disclose the profundity of her wisdom by saying that "if the inmates had not had beer outside they would not have been in the position of inmates inside." When the question was put the kill-joys carried their point by one vote, only to discover that in their anxiety to debar the aged inmates from a little extra cheer on Christmas Day they had also voted against the provision of their Christmas dinner! Mrs. Brooks then had the impertinence to offer to provide the dinner herself, preferring to stand the cost rather than run the risk of beer being agreed to at the subsequent debate, which, owing to her intolerant tactics, has now become necessary if the Workhouse inmates are to have a Christmas dinner at all. Her offer was politely declined by the Board; but we have no doubt the lady will move heaven and earth and Orsett to prevent the Board's hapless charges being granted the harmless luxury of a glass of ale on the anniversary of the birth of the Redeemer Who at the marriage in Canaan turned the water into wine.

## BRICKS OR FLESH AND BLOOD?

### THE TRUE MEMORIAL TO OUR WAR HEROES.

In the opinion of a good many people, the large sums of money which it is proposed to spend on grandiose war memorial schemes throughout the country could be devoted with greater propriety towards relieving the necessities of ex-Service men and their dependents, as well as war-widows and orphans. A case in point is that of Loughborough, where it is planned to raise £25,000 for the construction of a carillon tower with a peal of forty-five bells. We have nothing to say against the architectural merits of such a memorial, but its promoters would seem to have overlooked the claims of the living. There are in the town a number of crippled and otherwise disabled ex-soldiers, who are hard put to it to make both ends meet. There are also many women and children whom the war has robbed of the mainstay of their homes. £25,000—or, for that matter, a much smaller sum—suitably invested, would go far towards easing their lot. War memorials are admirable things in themselves, but we require no statues or towers to remind ourselves of the war, and they are a hollow mockery to the maimed man unable to earn a living and to the widow whose bread-winner lies among the gallant dead. The true war memorial can be erected only in the hearts of the living, not in lifeless bricks and mortar.

## HUSTLED TO DEATH.

### ANOTHER HOSPITAL SCANDAL IN MESOPOTAMIA.

This hospital scandal in the East is not the less distressing because it concerned but one man instead of many; a patient stricken with illness was not helped to health by the hospitals, but was piloted by somebody to the road to death. He was Mr. J. Bagge, Permanent Way Inspector, Mesopotamian Railways. He had done 21 years in the Army and won the D.C.M. in France; a good man. Falling sick at Tekrit, he was admitted to the Railway Dispensary there on July 31 last. The attention he received he complained of; and, not recovering, he was, on August 5, placed on a train for Baghdad. His helpless and precarious condition was apparent, and a label was tied to his coat—in case of collapse before reaching hospital. Yet, despite his critical state and fragile hold upon life, the people in authority put him on the train alone, untended and unwatched. With no water and nothing to lie upon, the sufferer was sent on that journey through part of the hottest time of the day. On arriving, there was none to meet him, none to help. On his hands and knees he struggled from the train to the quarters of the Assistant Station-Master. Then at length he was refreshed with ice and soda water, and a stretcher was procured to carry him to the Railway Dispensary. He was transferred to the New General Hospital that same evening of the 5th August, but his case was then hopeless, and on the 7th he passed away. Even after death the neglect continued. The body was wrapped in a sheet, and we learn with horror, from an eye-witness, that "all the wrapping on the left side of the face was saturated with blood and black with flies." At the burial there was no coffin, nor even a board on which to lay the body, and the result at the graveside is too sickening to tell of. But the details we have cited are sufficient to show that some persons are responsible for very gross neglect, carried out with an indifference almost inhuman. Maybe poor Bagge would not have lived long—of that we are unable to judge—but that would be a reason for tender treatment and loving kindness, and not an excuse for hurrying him to death at the double—in a strange land, among strangers.

## GOVERNMENT "GRATITUDE."

### HOW PATRIOTIC SERVICES ARE REQUITED.

The officials dealing with salvage claims made by officers and crews of the Mercantile Marine for valuable services rendered during the war to vessels which had been attacked by the enemy, cannot be congratulated upon their fairness. We are constantly receiving complaints, supported by indisputable evidence, that these gallant fellows are not getting their just due and that the Admiralty officials are preventing their making claims against owners and underwriters. A notable case is that of the tug *Westbourne*, which was hired by the Admiralty for work at Belfast and on several occasions rendered valuable assistance to vessels in distress, the Captain and crew running great risks. To take one instance, in December, 1917, the Hartlepool vessel *Agenoria*, loaded with costly cut timber for hutments and trenches, was torpedoed outside Belfast. In a bad sea and tide race, the *Westbourne* got hold of her and safely towed her in. Commander Calvert, R.N.R., Senior Naval Officer at Belfast, specially called the Admiralty's attention to the splendid services rendered. On March 20th, 1918, the same tug came to the rescue of the Harrison liner *Custodian*, a vessel of 9,214 tons, loaded with a most valuable cargo from America, consisting of steel, wool, etc. She had been torpedoed and abandoned by the crew. A Government tug which had hold of her let go on the *Westbourne* getting alongside, and she, together with the Belfast Harbour Commissioners' tug *Musgrave*, took her in tow and beached her safely. Although the crew of the *Musgrave* have been allowed to claim and have received salvage, yet for some unknown and apparently inexplicable reason, in both these cases the Captain and crew of the *Westbourne* have been debarred by the Admiralty from making a similar claim against the owners, nor will the Government themselves recognise a claim for reward. It is well known that crews of vessels are entitled to be paid for such services, and why the Admiralty should unfairly interfere with so time-honoured and just a custom can be surmised only as another example of the red-tape methods of interference which have for the last few years caused resentment in almost every department of national activity.

## OUTED BY CASTING VOTE.

### DENBIGHSHIRE LOCAL AUTHORITY AND EX-OFFICER.

A man who has a casting vote in a public body ought to know how to make, not only an intelligent, but also a fair use of it. Mr. John Roberts, of the Denbighshire County Council, assuredly does not, or he would have used it differently when the voting was 8 to 8 on the question whether, under the Land Settlement Act, a farm at Brymbo should be let to a civilian named Lloyd or to the ex-soldier Wilkins, who joined the Army as a private, fought for three-and-a-half years in France, won his way to the rank of staff-captain, and has the Military Cross, the Belgian Croix de Guerre, and the 1915 medal. A local Sub-Committee had already invited him to their meeting, and then affronted him by allotting the farm to the absent civilian Lloyd, while he remained in an ante-room waiting to be called before the Committee. To this scandal, Mr. Roberts, as Chairman, gave the weight of his casting vote, on the ground that he "believed in upholding a Sub-Committee's decision"—though in this instance there is no doubt that it was wrong—wrong by the gratitude they owed to so gallant a soldier, and wrong by the intentions and instructions of the Government that no civilian is to be put on any land acquired for the purpose of settling ex-Service men.

## A REJECTED APPEAL.

### PLEA FOR A CRIPPLED EX-SOLDIER REFUSED.

Between 8.35 and 8.40 every week-day morning, an ex-Service man, who lost a leg in defence of his country may be seen outside Stratford Town Hall struggling to secure a place on a "No. 25" 'bus. Notwithstanding his obvious physical disability, the surging crowd thrusts him aside with selfish indifference—with the result that often two or three 'buses leave before he can obtain a seat. This was noticed by a regular passenger, who wrote to the London General Omnibus Co. asking that the conductors might be instructed to lend the poor fellow the assistance that is his due. In reply, the Operating Manager wrote as follows: "I . . . . beg to say the regulations in connection with vehicles plying for public hire do not permit of differentiation or selection. I regret, therefore, your request is one which cannot be acceded to." If there is to be no "differentiation or selection" in favour of the men who stood between the Empire and destruction, it will go ill with us in the event of future wars.

## FLAT CATCHING

### ROOMS TO LET IN QUEER STREET.

It is our impression that we have met Mr. Charles Newland, of 8, High Street, Harlesden, on a previous occasion. In any case we meet him now, introduced by people who have noticed his special and peculiar advertisement in the papers. This is it:—

> To Let, unfurnished, upper part of a nice house in select London suburb, comprising 4 nice rooms, electric light, bath, and all convenience, gas cooker, easy access to City and West-end; frequent service; no premium or money for re-decorations; moderate rent; full particulars given and desired. Apply by letter only.

On application for the rooms, Newland starts by sending a circular letter, explaining that he has not yet to hand the amount of the 1914 net rent to enable him to fix a fair rental; and that if applicant desires to have his name submitted for the tenancy he should forward a fee of half-a-guinea for registering particulars, and when suited a further guinea. He gives not the slightest assurance that anybody who pays the first fee will obtain the rooms. How many half-guineas Newland collects by this flat-catching scheme is beyond our means of estimating, but it is easy to see that he will do very well whether, in fact, he is in an exclusive position to let houses and rooms or not.

## PRINTER'S PIE.

*(Half-a-crown is paid to the sender of each item published. Envelopes must be marked "Pie.")*

"ISLINGTON DAILY GAZETTE" (advertisement): "Home Wanted by elderly lady in private family, where she will be TREATED AS ONE OF WASHSTAND, TWO CHAIRS, ROLL CORK LINO."

"MORNING ADVERTISER" (advertisement):—"Wanted, good Barmaid, FRONT EARS."

"NORTH END BROTHERHOOD MAGAZINE":—"As in former years, we shall TAKE UP OUR OFFSPRINGS on this day IN ENVELOPES, which will be distributed the previous Sunday."

"HERTS EXPRESS" (advertisement):—"Wanted MOTHER'S Help for Farmhouse; NO CHILDREN."

CHIEF CLERK TO ST. PANCRAS BOROUGH COUNCIL (leaflet):—"Manufacturers are required to reduce their consumption of Electricity for Power purposes by 50 per cent. IF THIS IS RIGIDLY ENFORCED UNEMPLOYMENT WILL INEVITABLY FOLLOW. In view of this serious position, the Members of the Electricity Committee have decided to make a very urgent appeal to all consumers of current . . . to economise in every possible way."


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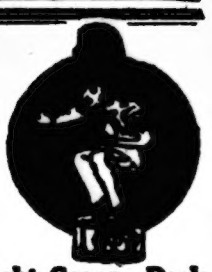

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Light Blue, Saxe Blue, Navy, Light Green, Dark Green, Emerald, Myrtle, Brown, Nigger Brown, Red, Cardinal, Maroon, Rust, Shell Pink, Daffodil, Heliotrope, Mauve, Grey, Black.

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# MY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE LAW.—XIV.

## THE RIGHT OF THE JURYMAN—IN WIG AND GOWN—POLITICAL JUDGES.

BY HORATIO BOTTOMLEY, M.P.

STRANGE to say, I have been on only one jury in my life, and then I insisted upon putting questions to the witnesses—much to the annoyance of the Judge. Perhaps that is why I have not been summoned since. It has always been a matter of wonder to me that jurymen—who are the sole judges of the facts—as a rule sit so complacently in the box, afraid to open their lips and nervously passing notes to the Bench when there is any point in the evidence which they desire to have made clear. They have as much right as counsel or the Judge himself to question witnesses, and if they are prevented from doing so their remedy is very simple—namely, to decline to give a verdict.

### In Wig and Gown.

Upon only one occasion have I been permitted to wear wig and gown, and that was when, two years ago, at the request of my friend Bransby Williams, I consented to play the rôle of Sergeant Buzfuz at a Dickens Fair for the benefit of Service men. We improvised a Court, and the jury was empanelled from the visitors; and the procedure was for me to go round the grounds with Mr. Bransby Williams, who took the part of Judge, accompanied by our tipstaffs and Bow Street runners, and arrest anyone on suspicion. Our chief capture was dear old Lord Chaplin, whom we found "loitering in suspicious circumstances." He was at once haled before the Bench, and I proceeded to prosecute him—making one of the counts of my indictment the fact that in the year 1867 he won the Derby with a horse called Hermit, the race being run in a snowstorm—one of my allegations being that there was no evidence that the jockey had taken the right course. The old fellow took things in a sporting spirit, and after an eloquent appeal from *his* counsel, the late Charles Palmer, he was acquitted on the ground of his previous good character!

### Political Judges.

Here is one of the greatest scandals of our legal system. True, things are not as bad as they used to be, but it is still part of the game of politics to reward faithful hacks, when members of the legal profession, with promotion to the Bench. Only a few days ago we had the announcement that a Member of Parliament, with nothing like an extensive practice, had been made Recorder of an important Borough; whilst it is freely rumoured that the present Home Secretary is down for a judgeship. The most glaring instances in my own experience are those of Grantham and Ridley. Neither of them knew anything of law—Grantham getting his appointment for his vitriolic attacks upon the Liberals under Gladstone, and Ridley being pitchforked on to the Bench through his relationship to the then Home Secretary. Speaking of Ridley, the legal profession still talks of that Open Letter I addressed to him some years ago in the columns of the *Sun*, of which I was then the proprietor. It was dated December 24th, 1900, and was headed "The Insolence of Office." And this is what I said:—

My Lord,—A few days ago I appeared in your Court as defendant in a trumpery action involving the sum of £200. The case arose out of the following simple facts:—Some time ago I found that one of my secretaries had got into trouble through speculating upon the Stock Exchange, and upon receiving his promise to abstain from further speculation, I paid his losses, amounting to £1,500. A year afterwards the broker—who in the meantime had been declared a defaulter upon the Stock Exchange—sprung a further claim upon me for £200, of which I had never heard before, and which I resisted. The only issue in the recent case was whether or not this item had been brought to my knowledge at the time I took my secretary's liability upon myself. The broker went into the witness-box and swore that he had mentioned that this further liability might possibly arise. This I denied, and there being admittedly no documentary evidence on either side, it became simply a question of the probabilities between the two statements. I had scarcely entered the box—having left a sick room to do so—before you volunteered the statement that you did not believe my evidence. In other words, you expressed the opinion that, having admittedly paid the sum of £1,500, I had deliberately come down to the court and committed perjury for the sake of wriggling out of a paltry £200.

Of course, inasmuch as you were sitting as jury as well as judge, you were entitled to form your own opinion upon the evidence, but I can only say that the method you adopted in doing so was certainly characteristic of a very common jury indeed.

I would not, however, trouble you with this letter but for the fact that, inexperienced as you still are in the duties and traditions of your post, you were ill-advised enough, when challenged by my counsel, to give a reason for your opinion That reason was of so startling a character that I am constrained to deal with it. You said you did not believe that any man would pay such a sum as I had paid simply in order to assist a friend out of trouble. Such an expression coming from yourself—but for the contemptibly depraved view of mankind which it indicates—is almost humorous. Is it too much to suggest that you owe your present position entirely to the fact that your friend and brother, the late Home Secretary, rescued you from the obscurity of an Official Referee and pitchforked you upon the Bench? What claims had you for such a position? You never enjoyed any practice at the Bar, and your appointment was looked upon—by both the legal profession and the public—as perhaps the most scandalous piece of nepotism of modern times. Before you again slander human nature, therefore, be pleased to remember what you owe to its generous instincts.

Just one other point. In the course of this case you stated, and again and again repeated, when charged by my counsel with being prejudiced against me, that you had never before in your life heard my name. My counsel, in a tone and with a demeanour which was clearly understood by everyone but yourself, accepted your assurance. I think his incredulity was, perhaps, unjustified—despite the fact that the story of my single-handed struggles against all the forces of the law is to be found in the law-books and reports of many leading cases of recent years, and was one of the principal features of the public Press.

If, however, you read neither law-books nor newspapers, you may possibly have heard of Shakespeare—and, having regard to your conduct in this case, I would venture to commend to your serious consideration, not only what he says about the "insolence of office," but also his reference to men who, having been "clothed here with a little brief authority, play such fantastic tricks before high heaven as make the angels weep."

Having been brought up in a school of thought which does not regard the Statute Book as a sacred volume, I entertain the view that those whom we employ to interpret it are also well within the scope of public criticism, but if it should happen that the publication of this letter constitutes a "contempt" of your Lordship's Court, I freely admit that the phrase exactly describes my sentiments towards it—for it is by such conduct upon the Bench as yours that the administration of justice is brought into disrepute, and the glorious traditions of our judicature system—which none has more cause to honour and revere than I—are dragged into the mire.

I am, my Lord, your obedient servant,
Horatio Bottomley.

I am told that there was a special meeting of Judges to consider what should be done with me, but after a long consultation it was wisely decided to "let the matter drop." I have always regretted that decision. By the way, here is a delicious little story. Ridley and Darling were sitting, with the Lord Chief Justice, as a Divisional Court, where it is usual to leave the judgment to the President, unless either of the other Judges wishes to elaborate it or dissent—the practice being for them simply to say "I agree." In the case in question, after a long and reasoned judgment by the Lord Chief Justice, Ridley observed, "I don't think I can usefully add anything to what my learned brother has said." And there, of course, was Darling's opportunity. With his piquant devilry he quietly observed, "I agree"—and then simulated surprise when a titter went round the Court!

As regards Grantham, he was, as a Judge, in every respect as bad as Ridley. Let me again tell that story of his unconscious insult to the Bar during the trial of Bottomley *v.* Hess. One of the libels I complained of was the statement that in the Hansard Union prosecution I had "narrowly escaped conviction," and it was in dealing with this part of the case that Grantham so badly put his foot in it. "It was a difficult and complicated affair," said he, "and I do not hesitate to say that if Mr. Bottomley, instead of conducting his own case, had been defended by Counsel, he would probably have been convicted." Naturally a murmur of disapproval came from the Bar—whereupon he endeavoured to put himself right. "I do not mean that he would have been *properly* convicted"—which, of course, made things infinitely worse. What the artful old fellow was endeavouring to do was, of course, to help the defendant to maintain his plea of justification. What an inherently weak man he was is evidenced by the incident which occurred towards the end of his judicial career. He had built certain "model" cottages down in Sussex, where he lived, but had failed to comply with the requirements of the local authority; and, being summoned before the Justices and condemned to make the necessary alterations, he burst into tears and cried like a child. On the other hand, he was a bluff and jovial farmer, and his remains were carried to the grave in a farm waggon. So R.I.P.

*(Another instalment will appear next week.)*

# 4 Hens Paid His Rent

***Another amazing tribute to the egg-producing qualities of Karswood Poultry Spice (containing ground insects) and Karswood Complete Poultry Meal (Sussex Ground)***

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Mr. W. Wood.

The poultry industry has moved forward just as much during the last twenty years as the motor car industry or the cinema industry; and we, of the Karswood Company, are proud to have been able, by means of our Karswood Poultry Spice and Karswood Meal (Sussex-ground), to have added at least one spoke to this wheel of poultry-keeping progress.

We live by service—thus the sales of "Karswood" continue to grow, and it has now won a place in the affection of poultry-keepers of which we may be pardoned for feeling more than a little proud.

### Four Hens Paid His Rent.

344, Green Lanes, Smallheath, Birmingham.

I should be glad if you will send me your book, entitled "Fortunes from Eggs," for which I enclose postal order for 1s. 3d., and sincerely hope you have not sold out of same. I have used your Karswood Poultry Spice for the last three years, and have not found anything to equal it, both for rearing and laying, and I might add I have tried several other spices; but now my order is always "Karswood" Poultry Spice. I am only a back-yarder, but have had very good results; one pen of White Wyandottes, four in number, paid my rent all last year, and I attribute same to Karswood Poultry Spice and Karswood Complete Poultry Meal (Sussex-ground).

I have been a poultry rearer in a small way for the last twelve years, but I have never had the success in the first nine years that I have had in the last three years while using Karswood Spice and Karswood Meal.

### Balance Sheet.

| Receipts. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 981 eggs at 4d. each ..... | 16 | 7 | 0 |
| 12 sittings of eggs of 1 dozen at 12s. 6d. per sitting ..... | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| | £23 | 17 | 0 |
| Expenses | | | |
| For food at 6d. per week each bird | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Profit ..... | £18 | 13 | 0 |
| Rent of house for year at 6s. 9d. a week (I was then living in Victoria Road) ..... | £17 | 11 | 0 |

So the profit was enough to pay the rent of the house I was living in, and leave a balance over of £1 2s., which was enough to pay for the cockerel's food during the period he was kept.

I might say that for the above season eggs were very dear in my district, and all through the winter months there was a steady demand at 6d., and even 6½d. each.

### How the Birds were Fed.

I feed in the morning with a little grain in the litter, which I vary according to the weather. In very cold weather I give maize, but when the weather becomes milder I give wheat one day and oats the next day, and so on alternately.

SECOND FEED I give about noon. I scald some clover meal and bran together, adding the required quantity of Karswood Poultry Spice and then dry off with Karswood Complete Poultry Meal (Sussex-ground).

THIRD FEED (before the birds go to roost) I give grain again. I have tried dry mash feeding, but do not care for it. In my opinion there is only one thing in its favour, and that is it is easy to feed for anyone that does not like work.

I may say I reared my birds from the shell on Karswood Chick-rearing Meal (Sussex-ground) and Karswood Chicken Powder, and I have reared them in a box made by myself, with hot water bottles for heat, and have never lost a chick. I bought them as day-old chick. Previous to 1918 I had never reared chickens on Karswood Meal and Karswood Chicken Powder, and the deaths were never less than one chick in every four, and I might add that whatever you or anyone else may attribute it to, I can only attribute my good result to Karswood Poultry Spice and Karswood Meal (Sussex-ground), not only in reducing mortality to nil, but in the egg yield as well.

### How the Birds were Housed.

The four White Wyandottes which paid my rent were kept in an open-fronted house with no shutters, and it was kept open all winter. The size of the house was 6 feet long by 4 feet 6 inches wide, and 5 feet high. The run was 4 yards long by 3 yards wide.

Should these particulars not be sufficient I will gladly forward further details, as I would add again that my success is entirely due to Karswood.

I am thinking of going abroad to Canada in the autumn, as my little girl needs a dry climate. I intend to go in for farming and poultry raising, of course in a small way at first. Is it possible to purchase your Karswood Meal and Karswood Spice over there, or should I have to have it direct from England? I would not like to be in the poultry business without it.

July 8, 1920. (Signed) W. WOOD.

### 2,021 more Eggs from same number of Birds, after using Karswood Spice and Meal.

From Thomas Hanson and Sons, Corn Dealers, Mercer Street, Gt. Harwood, near Blackburn.

To Karswood, Manchester.

Dear Sirs,—Enclosed please find egg record supplied to us by one of our customers for Karswood Poultry Spice and Karswood Meal. He has taken out the quantity of eggs for six months when he was not using Karswood foods and for six months when he did, and the result is 2,021 eggs more in the six months, which beats your own pamphlet.

(Signed) JOSEPH F. HANSON.

Eggs obtained before and after using Karswood Poultry Spice and Karswood Meal.

| Without Karswood | Eggs. | With Karswood. | Eggs. |
|---|---|---|---|
| May ..... | 1,116 | May ..... | 1,301 |
| June ..... | 903 | June ..... | 1,248 |
| July ..... | 955 | July ..... | 1,350 |
| August ..... | 1,166 | August ..... | 1,506 |
| September ..... | 495 | September ..... | 983 |
| October ..... | 245 | October ..... | 513 |
| | 4,880 | | 6,901 |

(Signed) WM. RATCLIFFE.

42, George Street, Gt. Harwood, near Blackburn.

### Positively not Forcing.

From George Bustin, Poultry Disease Specialist, 489, Proes Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, Transvaal.

The following experiments with Karswood Poultry Spice sold by you, and which I bought and tested on behalf of some of my clients, to determine if it had any injurious effect on the system and reproductive organs of the hen, may be of interest to you.

So many spiced foods (many of which contain cayenne pepper and other injurious ingredients) are sold to the public, which cause what is termed yolk hypertrophy, that is, the yolks become much larger than normal, and these big yolks are due to a diseased condition of the organs, caused by too much forcing for egg-production, with the result that the egg breaks loose from the ovary without rupture of the follicle wall along the stigma, but breaks and tears loose the stalk or pedicle of the follicle, with consequent death.

With your Karswood Poultry Spice I found no such indications.

I treated a number of backward White Leghorn hens (some partly in second moult) with the result that after seven days they began to lay, and it also completed their moult within fourteen days.

That was two months ago. They have been laying continuously since April 20th, and are still doing their duty, at a time when new-laid eggs are 5s. to 6s. a dozen on the market, and unobtainable from most poultry yards.

(Note.—April is in the middle of the South African winter.)

I killed one of the hens treated with Karswood Poultry Spice, also one which was not treated, and in comparison I found the organs of the hen which had Karswood Poultry Spice in far healthier and better condition than the bird which had no Karswood Poultry Spice.

I must conclude by saying that birds which have Karswood Poultry Spice are in a firmer reproductive fettle than those without. I shall always use Karswood Poultry Spice in future (in moderation) and have recommended it to a great many poultry-keepers in this town and elsewhere.

11th June, 1920. (Signed) GEORGE BUSTIN.

### YOU GET MOST EGGS FOR LEAST MONEY.

This week's prices of Karswood Complete Poultry Meal (Sussex-ground) and Karswood Chick-rearing Meal (Sussex-ground) are as follow in England and Wales:—

| | From your dealer. | Direct from Karswood |
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| 3½ lb. bag .. | 1s. 3½d. .. | 2s. 3d. post paid |
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| 14 lb. bag .. | 4s. 9d. .. | 4s. 9d. carr. forwd. |
| 28 lb. bag .. | 9s. 3d. .. | 9s. 3d. carr. forwd. |
| 56 lb. bag .. | 17s. 6d. .. | 17s. 6d. carr. paid |
| 112 lb. bag .. | 34s. 0d. .. | 34s. 0d. carr. paid |

The price for 4 cwt. is 33s. per cwt.; carr. paid.

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When ordering please state name of nearest goods station, and send cash with order to—

Karswood, 788, Deansgate Arcade, Manchester; or if you live in London you can have it delivered free at the same price from Osborne & Young, Ltd., Brixton, S.W.9, whose 25 vans deliver daily

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If unobtainable locally we send the 1s. 3d. packet post paid for 1s. 6d., and the bulk bags, carriage paid direct, at same price as above, on receipt of remittance addressed to—

**KARSWOOD. 788, Deansgate Arcade, Manchester.**

NOTE.—"Fortunes from Eggs," the 1920 Karswood Poultry Book, containing 17 coloured plates, 128 pages in all, bound in stiff board covers, is sent post paid for 1s. 3d. postal order. "It's worth £1," says H. H. Sweet-Escott, Harper Adams Laying Competition winner.

For Sundays: Morning, the NATIONAL NEWS; Evening, the SUNDAY EVENING TELEGRAM.

# CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

*This space is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.*

### To the Most Rev. Bishop Ryle, Dean of Westminster.

MY DEAR BISHOP,—I suppose you were responsible for the arrangement of the Order of Service at the funeral of the Unknown Soldier, and I want just a word with you about it. Do you realise that the object of the whole ceremony was to preserve for ever the glorious memory, not only of that Man, but of all who fought and fell with him? Of course you do, you say. Very well, then—why have a hymn which tells us that "Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; *They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day*"? Not very appropriate, when you come to think of it, was it? There were one or two other little things I should like to mention, but I am reluctant to sound a note of discord whilst the heart of the nation is bursting with grief.

JOHN BULL.

### To the Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, K.C., M.P.

MY DEAR MR. ASQUITH,—I have just been looking at a French dictionary—where I find that the word "*Margot*" means "a magpie"; or to give the alternative renderings, "a chatterbox" or "a talkative woman." I do not suppose that this was thought of for a moment when your good lady was christened, nor do I suggest that it has more application to her than to any other of her charming sex. But, really, it is "some" book isn't it? They tell me that you have not read it, and I certainly am not going to ascribe to you responsibility for anything that it contains. Margot, no doubt, is a law unto herself. Still, you have my sympathy. JOHN BULL.

### To Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C.

MY DEAR MARSHALL HALL,—Please accept my sincere congratulations on the result of the Greenwood case. As you know, I have followed your career at the Bar with the greatest interest, and am myself no bad judge of the chances and possibilities of a criminal trial. Yet never before have I realised how much depends upon the skill of the advocate who, against the dead weight of circumstantial evidence, has to fight for the life of an innocent man. In the Greenwood case, as I have reason to know, you believed from the outset that you were fighting not perhaps what is known in the Temple as a "winning case," but a case that ought to be won. So much the more gratified therefore must you feel at the result. And now for the Eastbourne charge! JOHN BULL.

### To Mr. E. T. Ellis, Westwood, Ecclesall, Sheffield.

DEAR HUSTLER,—Your "little book, 'Jottings of an Allotment Gardener,'" may or may not be a wonder in its way—or out of it. But you have no earthly right, nor any concerned with another sphere, first to post it around to persons unknown to you—their names and addresses be taken from my "Bullets" winners and other sources, and then to dun them for 1s. 8½d., the price set by you on those "Jottings" of yours. Even when you offer a small money prize for a potato to innocents paying you an entrance fee, the matter does not improve. Try a nice, straightforward way of selling your booklet. It's far better. JOHN BULL.

### To Mr. T. Reece, Billiards Player.

DEAR CUE-IST,—There is always a particular pleasure in noticing the "coming back" and return to form of a person accomplished in any sport or game, and I offer you my hearty congratulations at your recent "revival," and wish you a continuance of your present powers. You have always been a popular figure with billiards lovers, but last season a veritable blight seemed to have fallen upon all your efforts. Your performances so far this season, however, have been of a startlingly different character, and since your break of 872 a few weeks back you have done many "striking" things, notably your wins over Inman and Falkiner. More power to your elbow—and your strong right arm!

JOHN BULL.

### To the Chairman, Orient Steam Navigation Co.

SIR,—On behalf of the third-class passengers aboard the R.M.S. *Orvieto*, ten of their number—writing while the ship was at Toulon—request me to draw your attention to their complaints. In brief, they assert that although each compartment, containing 6 to 8 persons, has a wash-hand basin of galvanised iron, it is not allowed to be used, "so that all washing and shaving has to be done by 254 men in a lavatory containing four wash-basins, which never appear to be cleaned and are black with dirt"; that the cabins are washed but once a week; and this only after persistent request; that ventilation is extremely bad; that the sanitary accommodation is inadequate and disgusting; and that the cutlery and crockery are quite insufficient and are only partially washed for use. My correspondents suggest that you should cable out instructions for these conditions to be ameliorated to the fullest extent possible. What is your idea about it? JOHN BULL.

### To E. C. Tennyson D'Eyncourt, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Marylebone.

SIR,—I note your interesting decision that, despite the new Rents Act, a tenant may be bled to the extent of a heavy premium, so long as the house-agent derives the benefit and not the landlord. Thus we see that the most modern Acts of Parliament resemble the older statutes, through which it was always said to be the easiest thing in the world to "drive a coach-and-four." Assuming your law to be correct, I am indebted to you for showing how little Parliament has done to protect the helpless tenant from the greed of the house profiteer.

JOHN BULL.

### To Major C. J. Brooks.

SIR,—Convicted at Eastbourne for assault upon your servant, you and your wife were sentenced to one month in the second division. The girl was obtained from a Refuge, and is under-sized and of low mentality. After serving eleven days, you were both released pending an appeal at Lewes Quarter Sessions. The appeal of Mrs. Brooks was allowed, and your sentence reduced to a trivial fine of £3. Although you had kicked the girl, the Bench thought "the kicking was not done with brutal intention, but was probably due to the injuries and neurasthenia sustained in your war service." I make every allowance for a man suffering from that service, but in this instance I think you had your share of luck. JOHN BULL.

### To Alfred North, Esq., Chairman, Board of Guardians, Romford.

DEAR MR. NORTH,—With reference to the case of the Barking widow from whom the Finance Committee of the Guardians have demanded the return of £11 in out-relief, pending the grant to her of a war pension retrospective over the period of the relief, I perceive that the Board have confirmed the Committee's decision. It seems to me rather harsh. In two years, the woman has received in pension—so one of your members stated—only £69 odd. Out of this she has had to keep herself and two children. The Chairman of the Finance Committee talked solemnly about the duty of protecting the ratepayers. In the words of the poet, that is all tosh. Romford Guardians have a habit of protecting the ratepayers so dummed badly in big things that I don't think any of the said ratepayers will fall on your necks for protecting them in this little one at the expense of a poor widow of the war. JOHN BULL.

## *In the Barber's Chair* - - - - - - Marshal Foch.

Good evenin', sir. W'y, it ain't—it *oarn't* be Marshal Foch? . . . Ah, I thought I knew thet face, sir. This is a honour. . . . I see a translation of wot you sed to the *Matin*, the other day, an' I ses to meself: "Ole sport, Marshal Foch is a man arfter yer own 'eart. 'E thought jest the same as you done about the Armistice!" . . . I never could see the sense o' stoppin' the wore at the very moment w'en we'd got the 'Uns by the short 'airs an' could 'ave knocked full compensation out of 'em for their murderous attack on Beljum an' the rest o' the Allies.

* * *

There ain't no doubt that arfter the soljers 'ad wcn the wore the polerticians lorst it. I don't know 'ow it is in Frawnce, Marshal, but 'ere in England the Germans are gittin' their dirty grip on us again. Look at the dye industry! Millions o' pounds of 'Un dyes 'ave poured into the country since the Armistice simply becos the politicians wot drew up the Act to keep German dyes out made a mess o' their job, an' the Law Courts was erbliged to decide thet we couldn't legally keep 'em out! 'As anythink so silly as thet 'appened in Frawnce?

* * *

Will you 'ave the clippers all over, Marshal? . . . Very good. *This* is wot we oughter done to Germany w'en we 'ad the chawnce—give 'em a close clip—run the clippers o' wore over their square 'eads. Look at the cheek we've 'ad from them since we let 'em down so light! And all through the sloppy polerticians wot took the game outer the 'ands o' the Military w'en they'd got the 'Uns waxed. No wonder you feel sore w'en you see the best part o' your work simply chucked away. . . . Course, some people say we wasn't justified in sacrificin' another soljer's life for the sake of gainin' a complete vic'try. But I don't agree. As it is, them gallant soljers wot was sacrificed 'ave bin sacrificed more or less in vain, lookin' at things all round; w'ereas, if we'd fought on for, say, another week, there would 'ave bin somethink substantial to show for the blood they shed. *You* knew thet. Some of us 'ere in England suspected it. I know JOHN BULL sed it. An' it's bin proved true, since!

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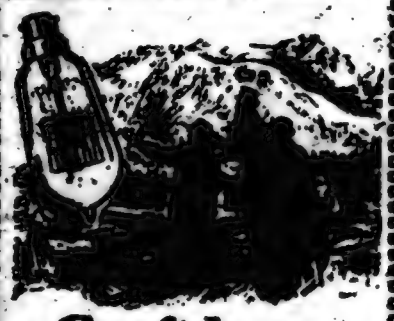
But there you are, Marshal, it's the same old story over again—perlitical int'rests robbing the soljers o' the vic'try they won.

Goo'-day, Marshal! You 'ave my sympathy, and I'm proud to 'ave seen yer! . . .



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# "JOHN BULL" BOXING BOYS.

## ALL ABOUT THE GREAT ALBERT HALL CARNIVAL ON NOVEMBER 26th.

By A. G. ("SMILER") HALES.

THE ALBERT HALL on the night of Friday, November 26th, will, I think, be the scene of events that will mark the turn of the tide in British boxing history. For in that vast hall on that date some of the very pick of the JOHN BULL Boys will demonstrate their ability against men whose names and fame are household words the world over amongst those who love the "sport of princes." JOHN BULL readers know how I was sent throughout the length and breath of Great Britain nearly a year ago, to look for likely lads who might develop into champions at all weights—fit to test the mettle of the world's best boxers. I selected quarters at St. George's Baths, just opposite the pier at Herne Bay; and with an efficient staff of instructors and masseurs under my direct orders, did my best to bring out the latent talent in the chosen few. The terms I was empowered by Mr. Bottomley to offer candidates were generous in the extreme. The lads were housed and fed free of any charge whatever—and they were given a substantial sum per man per week spending money, and were paid every time they appeared in public against selected opponents.

### No "YELLOW STREAK."

They have had boating and swimming, and every kind of rational amusement consistent with a professional athlete's life has been permitted them. They have had a fine big gymnasium to practise in; beautiful country walks for their road work—and I can say with truth that each and all of them have worked splendidly, and their behaviour stamps them as lads of whom any country in the world might be proud. I have tried them out for courage and stamina in the sternest possible way, and there is not a "yellow streak" in the whole team. They are JOHN BULL Boys, and they will fight whilst there is life in them. I tramp the roads with them on their outdoor work; I am with them in the gym.—and my calm judgment is that they are sound in wind and limb, in courage and in principle. They may be beaten in some of their battles; they will never disgrace themselves. The public who pay to see them in action will never go away disappointed, for they have been chosen as much for their simple manliness as for inherent skill.

### JIM SLATER.

"Our Jim," as his camp mates call him, was my first find; I picked him up in the mining centre near the village of Heath Hayes, not far from Walsall. A quiet lad with a strong, resolute face and eyes that speak for the fighting spirit within him, one glance gave me the measure of his manhood, and we became friends on the spot. No judge of a man could make a mistake about this black-country boy. Quiet and undemonstrative, he is of the sort that never admits defeat and never yields an inch—the sort that loves a battle against long odds and fights his coolest and sternest when things look hopeless. He was the poorest possible kind of a boxer when I got him. He had a mighty punch and that was all. His idea of fighting—then—was to grip the boards with his feet and wait to get in one numbing, crashing blow. To-day he is an artist—nearly a great artist. Young in experience as he is, within a year I think he will wrest from the foreigner the Welter-Weight Championship of the World. He is beautifully and powerfully made, is quick and clever on his feet, and has a punch in both hands quite equal to that of Kid Lewis, against whom I hope to match him when he has had a little more experience. Slater's motto is "Over the top and at 'em." He learnt that in the Army, in which he fought with honour. He carries the fight to the foe, and is busy every second. He is in the ring, win or lose, with Bermondsey Billy Wells on the night of November 26th, at the Albert Hall, over twenty 3-minute rounds. "Our Jim" will, I think, take London by storm—for London loves a dauntless lad, who goes boldly to his foe and fights him squarely and cleanly, disdaining all dirty tricks, scorning all hugging and clinching—a lad game to give and take. We all know Bermondsey Billy Wells; he has had an immense amount of experience against men who are right up near the championship shrine—he is fast, clever, tricky, and he has a knock out punch in both hands. It was not the real Bermondsey Wells who was seen at the N.S.C. against Dyer recently. All followers of the game know how he can fight, and I have no shadow of doubt we shall see this brilliant performer at his best when he and Jim Slater meet for the JOHN BULL Belt. Good as Wells is, however, I pin my faith to the courage and indomitable will-power of "Our Jim," and I tip him to win, after a long and desperate struggle.

### IDRIS JONES.

On the same night—November 26th—at the Albert Hall, Idris Jones, the JOHN BULL Featherweight, will do battle over twenty three-minute rounds for a JOHN BULL belt and other considerations with Mike Honeyman, the undisputed Champion of Great Britain, who only a week or two ago clinched his right to the title by defeating that dour veteran, Tancy Lee. That Mike Honeyman is one of the most brilliant performers with the gloves operating within the magic square, in any part of the world, no one who follows the game will question—but it is my firm belief that in Idris Jones, the JOHN BULL Featherweight, I have unearthed his equal, if not his master. All the cognoscenti pelted me with sneers when I assumed that the Ammanford boy who had been boxing at nine stone six and nine-ten was in reality a featherweight, and had no right to be fighting out of that class. He was hard as rock at nine stone six—too hard. He had never been trained in his life, and the JOHN BULL offer was a godsend to the young miner. I got him to nine stone, and gave Mr. Bottomley a trial in private. The result of that trial was the challenge to Mike Honeyman, the Champion Featherweight of Britain, out of which the present match has sprung. That it will be a very stubborn contest I have no shadow of doubt, with brilliant boxing on both sides—for Idris Jones is now one of the finest and speediest boxers on the planet. Honeyman's lightning pace has become a proverb, and his skill with his head in avoiding punishment from any kind of blow is worthy of the greatest of the old masters. That he can punch, too, no one who saw the beautiful right-hand drive straight from the shoulder to the point of the chin with which he dropped Tancy Lee can doubt. But Idris Jones has the hardest right-hand punch of any featherweight alive; his left hand may be only a flap either above or below, as his critics maintain—but there is a lot of dynamite in his right. I am of the opinion that this contest will go the whole twenty rounds, or near it, with plenty of superb science and brilliant hitting on both sides, and in my heart I believe the JOHN BULL Belt will leave the Albert Hall in the safe keeping of the JOHN BULL Boy, after a contest that will live in the memory of all beholders. And I ask the Americans to take note that, if Jones wins, I want a match for the Featherweight Championship of *the World*.

### GLYN STEPHENS.

The Slater *v.* Wells and Honeyman *v.* Jones contests will be twenty 3-minute rounds; the Glyn Stephens *v.* Tal Jones match at eight stone will be over fifteen 3-minute rounds, and is sure to be a dashing, brilliant affair. Tal was recently seen at great disadvantage when he was meeting Harry Aarons. On that occasion Tal foolishly matched himself at seven stone-six, and paid the penalty. He is at his best at eight stone—at which weight he meets the JOHN BULL Boy. Glyn is one of the most stylish fighters I have seen for a long time—very like great Jim Driscoll, whom he has modelled himself upon. It will be a pretty fight, worth going a long way to see; and in spite of Tal's great experience and undoubted stamina at eight stone, I again fancy the JOHN BULL Boy will annex the JOHN BULL Belt. There I will leave it for the present, simply expressing the view that whoever wins, the Albert Hall Boxing Carnival will be a huge success—to be followed by a second one—when some of our other boys will be pulled out—on December 21st. And subjoined will be found a coupon entitling the holder to substantial reductions in the prices of seats for the 26th. But these coupons will only be accepted at JOHN BULL offices in Long Acre, and at the JOHN BULL Pen Depôts which are to be found in most of the leading thoroughfares in London. Full details, with prices of seats, and all other information, will be found upon page 16.

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# DEATH-KNELL OF BRITISH BO

## What the Wrekin Election may Accomplish—Practical Commonsen

By THE EDITOR.

ON Saturday the electors of the Wrekin Division of Shropshire will go to the poll for the election of a Member of Parliament in the place of the late Charles Palmer, and their choice will lie between Major-General Sir Charles Townshend, K.C.B., D.S.O., and—Charles Duncan! It is true that Mr. Duncan has also arrogated to himself the title of "General"—his Command, it appears, being in the "Great Industrial Army." Indeed, he is modest enough to say in his Address: "At this election you are asked to choose between two great leaders of men, two great Generals, both of whom have spent their lives in fighting for the preservation of your home." So we have two Richmonds in the field—although, as I have ventured to say at some of the meetings, I hope General Duncan will be more successful with the Industrial Army than some of his brother officers in the House of Commons. It will be observed that, with commendable patriotism, both the Liberal and Unionist Parties in the Division are standing aside, recognising, as they must do, the enormous service which General Townshend will be capable of rendering to the nation and Empire when in the House of Commons. And I think Labour would have been well advised to have followed their example. Surely the Workers' Union, of which Mr. Duncan is President, and which is paying his election expenses, has no money to spare for forlorn hopes, and I am not surprised that our artist should have selected Landseer's famous picture of "Dignity and Impudence" as the theme of his cartoon. The result of the election will be known on Monday next, and personally I shall be greatly surprised if the General, who is fighting under the Independent flag, is not returned by a very large majority.

### Death Knell of Bolshevism.

Indeed, this election may have a great and far-reaching effect upon the whole current of events in Britain. It is a straight fight between the sane, level-headed, law-abiding element of the community on the one hand, and the unpractical and ill-equipped visionary on the other. When the news is flashed over the wires that General Townshend, openly fighting under our own banner, is taking Mr. Palmer's place at my side in the House of Commons, and that the Labour candidate has been hopelessly "tailed off," I believe there will be a sigh of relief throughout the land, and that Messrs. Malone and Bob Williams will come to the conclusion that the best thing they can do is to pack up their traps and go to their dear Russia, whose system of government they love so well. I gladly admit that Mr. Duncan is not of their school, but he is allied to a Party which is rapidly drifting into their hands. Let me remind him of what Mr. Williams says: "There are many in this country who believe the Revolution can be achieved, and will be achieved, without force. We must respect their convictions; we must solicit their assistance." But—"We must go on by every means in our power to make our policy of direct action effective, and when the time comes that the proprietary classes will refuse to yield one jot or tittle, we must be prepared to act in defence of ourselves and the proletarian interest we claim to represent." Of course that is all tosh—it simply means: "We will recognise Parliamentary institutions as long as we are obliged to, but at the earliest possible moment we will defy all forms of ordered government and say good-bye even to Labour leaders like Mr. Duncan *and* George Lansbury." In his own words, "Those who would be free must themselves strike the blow." Well, what does Mr. Duncan himself say? "We must wage constant war on high prices, and diligently seek just reward for the wealth producer." Who quarrels with that? The only thing that Mr. Duncan and his friends do not recognise is that the employer, the capitalist, is as much an essential element in the production of wealth as the man who works only with his hands. In this connection I would commend to him these lines:—

He was a British labouring man
  Who struggled for his rights,
He worked his seven hours a day
  Then spouted hard at nights
Of capitalists who working men
  Most horribly ground down,
Of wine they drank, and long cigars
  They smoked, at half-a-crown.
Of all the luxuries they had
  He spoke with virtuous scorn,
The wealth they'd got *his* made for them
  With muscle and with brawn.
He did not see that in this world
  Each man must have his place,
But thought that one who worked with mind—
  Not hands—was a disgrace.
He did not realise he lived
  On energy transferred
From one man with a fertile brain
  Unto the common herd.
Oh, foolish man, you have one thing
  That truly is your right—
Just do the job that you have got
  With all your heart and might.
All men must work if they would live
  And earn their daily bread;
Most are designed to use their hands;
  A few must work with head.

And it makes no difference—except to the workers' disadvantage—if the State should take the place of the private employer. Then Mr. Duncan goes on to say, "We fight for the abolition of slums and poverty." Yet I seem to remember that there was scarcely a Labour man in the House of Commons when the Housing Bill was introduced; whilst the Aliens Restriction Bill—designed against one of the most active causes of "slums and poverty"—received no assistance from them by either voice or vote. There is, however,

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no necessity to continue quoting from Mr. Duncan's Address. There is not an item in it of a practical character which will not be more usefully assisted by General Townshend than by himself. Indeed, the General goes further than the Labour candidate in some matters of social reform, for he advocates not only pensions for widows left with young children, but also the Endowment of Motherhood—a matter which has been far too long neglected by the State. The only difference is that the Independent will endeavour to accomplish his ends by methods which do not outrage the elementary principles of justice, and which will not dislocate the complex and delicate machinery of the nation's industrial life. He has made it abundantly clear, both in his Address and his speeches, that a good living wage, with reasonable hours and decent homes, should be the first claim upon industry; that thereafter a fair return should be given to the employer for the use of his capital and for his enterprise and risk—and that any surplus wealth remaining after these two conditions have been complied with should, as he puts it, be dealt with in the same way as is the case with prize money in the Navy and Army—distributed between officers and men.

### An Impotent Party.

Why, then, should the electors worry themselves about Mr. Duncan, who already has sixty-two colleagues in Parliament who have so far sadly failed to justify the hopes of their supporters? They know that in the General they have a man of ripe experience, deep study, high character, and proved patriotism. Being, in the opinion of Lord Kitchener, "one of the greatest soldiers of modern times," he now offers his services to the country in a civil capacity; the electors of Wrekin will indeed be dull dogs if they do not avail themselves of that offer. As now comes striking testimony to the General's military genius. At the outset I was able to tell the Wrekin electors how, tired of the enforced inactivity that was his unjust fate, he had made up his mind to throw in his lot with Wrangel and fight for the overthrow of the Bolshevist tyranny in Russia. I did my best to persuade him out of it, telling him that I thought he could find more useful work in Parliament; and, just as this by-election is in full swing, we have the news that he has been definitely offered the command of the Anti-Bolshevist armies in the Crimea, which are in such desperate straits that only a military genius of the first order can possibly retrieve their fortunes. But, as far as General Townshend is concerned, the decision is to rest with the Wrekin electors—who if they choose him as their M.P. will experience at his hands the same undivided loyalty as was the case with their late Member. Personally, I am still of opinion that Townshend will do as much to kill the Bolshevist heresy by his sturdy fight in the Wrekin as if he joined Wrangel and made war with physical weapons. Either way, he is determined to fling himself, heart and soul, into the crusade against the evil forces of anarchy and disruption that threaten the peace and happiness of the stable western world.

"DIGNITY AND——MR. DUNCAN."

### True Democracy.

That, too, he is not devoid of the qualities of statesmanship is evidenced by the fact that whilst a prisoner-of-war in Turkey he met the Cabinet of the Sublime Porte, and in the course of half-an-hour arranged for the Sultan's withdrawal from the war, coming away with the freedom of his men and himself, and the key of the Dardanelles, in his pocket—thus, in the words of M. Clemenceau, "saving millions of money and thousands of lives." He did not stipulate merely for freedom for himself. "Set me free," he said, "and also all Allied prisoners in Asia Minor." It was like him. No boon he could enjoy would he avail himself of except it was shared with the rank and file of the King's Armies. And so with his Parliamentary candidature. His sympathies are all the time with the under-dog. More democratic even than "Labour" itself, he is determined, above all else, to figure as the champion of the man least able to fight for his own hand. Particularly he stands out as the advocate of the ex-Service man, still often vainly searching for employment in the land he fought to defend. You have only to listen to "Townshend of Kut" to know that right deep down in his heart is a sympathy with "the common soldier"—the phrase carries no stigma—that finds an echo in every breast. And so in politics. Only fools assume that those who oppose Labour politically are indifferent to industrial hardships, blind to social inequalities, impervious to common human claims.

### A Sacred Symbol.

What fools they are who imagine for an instant that ever the mass of the British workers are going to be led captive to the juggernaut car of Bolshevist revolution! Good God, are no hearts buried in the vault that holds the earthly relics of the Unknown Warrior? Is his a solitary sepulchre? Did nothing of honest worth go to make up the glorious fabric of victory? I smile sometimes to myself when I hear these so-called Labour leaders talking airily of turning the world upside down, and making hay of our historic institutions. They think, I suppose, that because a man has happened upon hard times, because perhaps he is a bit empty under the belt for the moment, a bit worried for the "kids" and the wife, he is ready to forget all he ever learnt about Britain's greatness, and to plunge everything into the cauldron of Revolution. Well, of course, we know the working man is going to do nothing of the sort. At Wrekin, his intentions are too obvious to need interpretation. He says: There is Townshend, tied to no Party, linked to no caucus—a plain, honest man pledged only to his conscience and, as a soldier, to his Country and his King! I will not venture to predict the majority. But I know it will sound the death-knell of Bolshevism.

# SILENT SUFFERERS

## *INTERESTING MEMORANDA FOR THE MIDDLE-CLASSES.*

THREE cotton mills in the Oldham district have just distributed final dividends which bring their division of profits for the year up to 100, 120 and 200 per cent. respectively. Yet the Middle Class householder, who is wondering when he will be able to buy a much-needed winter overcoat, is constantly assured by Board of Trade Committees that there is no profiteering in the Textile industry.

**A Considerate Headmaster.**

An ex-headmaster tells us that he overcame the problem of equipping Cadet Corps in his time by buying a large stock of uniforms and lending them to his pupils at a nominal charge. In this way, growing boys could always turn out smartly on parade without the necessity of frequently buying fresh tunics, etc. etc. He also abolished "that very wicked system" of compelling parents constantly to buy new school-books by lending the boys all those they required for ten shillings a term, which included stationery and pencils. It is a pity that so very few headmasters are equally considerate nowadays.

**Houses and Babies.**

Apropos of our last week's article on "Getting Married," a correspondent writes to point out that Middle Class men and women setting up a household of their own often have no alternative between renting furnished apartments and buying a house. The latter they cannot afford to furnish at present prices, much less to buy outright—while lodgings are dear, uncomfortable, and the reverse of home-like. Who can blame a young man if he hesitates to ask the woman of his heart to leave a comfortable home and settle down in two or three rooms? Bishops who denounce "race suicide" on the part of the Middle Classes seem to forget that the question of population is bound up with that of housing.

**What Can They Do?**

A Cumberland Vicar writes:—"Can't your million readers suggest something we *could* do in the long winter evenings? My wife takes in sewing, but I am the 'dud,' and there are no streets to sweep in the country." The question of how clergymen can add to their income has more than once been raised in these columns, but so far no practical answer has been forthcoming, although the need is great and pressing.

**BEHIND THE FOOTLIGHTS.**

No class of professional men and women suffer more in silence than those connected with the stage, both music hall and "legitimate." Our post bag is full of letters from talented artistes whose salaries have signally failed to keep pace with the increased cost of living, whose travelling expenses have gone up materially as the result of higher railway fares and the withdrawal of many privileges formerly accorded to the profession, and who are constantly finding it more and more difficult to secure engagements at all owing to the competition of the kinema theatre. Much the same holds good of singers and other entertainers.

It is satisfactory, however, to know that actors and actresses have lately begun to realise the importance and necessity of combination. They have a very vigorous Trade Union, which is doing very good work in such matters as the enforcement of minimum salaries, payment for rehearsals, and the drawing up of standard contracts with managers. The best class of theatre-proprietor is showing his practical sympathy with these demands, and the less reputable managers who still endeavour to secure companies at starvation wages, are having pressure brought to bear on them. In fact, the leading theatrical journals have just decided that they will no longer accept advertisements from managers who continue to offer less than the Trade Union minimum salaries. "Team work" is essential on the stage itself, and "the" profession has learnt that it pays equally well on the other side of the footlights.

**ORGANISE! ORGANISE!**

Some time ago I approached my employers for a rise in salary, as I had only received advances since 1914 representing 35 per cent. increase on my pre-war salary. My application was refused, one of the Directors informing me that if Clerks were organised like Workmen were, and their Union fixed a minimum wage of even £5 per week they would of course have to pay it, but as they were not they could not take into consideration the circumstances of their staff, or their length of service, but could only consider what they could obtain other Clerks for if any of their staff left. This is a good instance of how Clerks suffer through lack of organisation.—From CHARLES FRANKUM, Wordsworth Walk, London, N.W., to whom a cheque for five guineas has been sent.

With reference to our recent article on "Underpaid Teachers," an official of the National Union of Women Teachers points out that the salaries under the Burnham Award quoted are for secondary schools. Primary teachers, who are in the majority, receive lower pay, the minimum salary being £150. This strengthens our contention that, despite recent improvements, the scholastic profession is, on the whole, underpaid.

**Help Yourself!**

We are glad to learn that the Architects' and Surveyors' Assistants' Professional Union are trying to put an end to the systematic which we have drawn attention, of offering responsible posts at salaries of £3 10s. a week and less. In this case, as in so many others, the victims of underpayment have themselves to blame to a large extent. If they would realise that organisations exist for their benefit, and would show a united front, unscrupulous employers would find it impossible to offer experienced professional men less than the wages of a scavenger.

**Unemployed Parsons.**

There is always competition—and on the part of educated men—to secure any Church livings, which may be vacant, however small the stipend. Consequently, although we read from time to time that there is a shortage of parsons and that not enough candidates are coming forward for ordination, yet one constantly hears of clergymen being "out of work." Obviously what is wanted is some organisation throughout the country that would enable the unemployed parsons to be brought in touch with any vacancies. Who will be the first Bishop to set up in his diocese an information bureau which will aid unemployed clergy, especially curates, to obtain the work that is waiting for them?

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At the Guildhall, Lloyd George made haste
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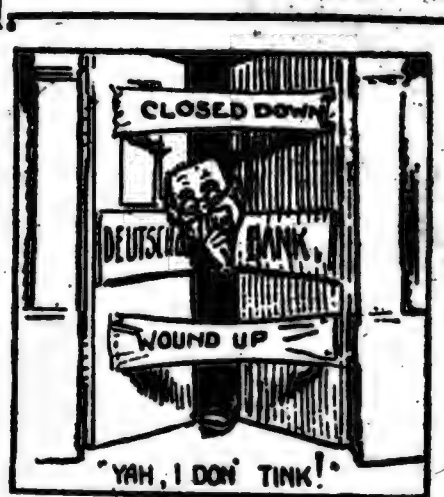
But he will find (or we are wrong)
That he must tackle it ere long.

The fight at Wrekin should provide
Th' electors with good cause for pride;
Duncan, they'll see, without a doubt,
By Townshend's upper-Kut knocked out!

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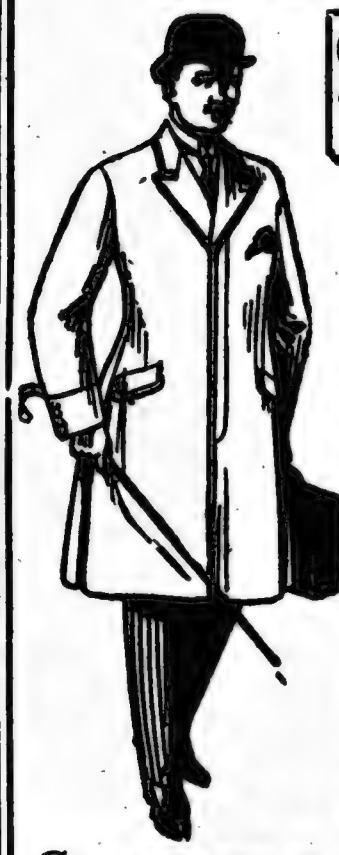

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### "Shoddy" War Medals.

"I am employed in an office that is constantly forwarding to soldiers the hard-earned war medals that every Tommy should have cause to be proud of. It is distressing to notice the very shoddy make of these valuable souvenirs. If the country could not afford to pay Tommy a respectable gratuity, surely the least it could do would be to see that the medals issued for services rendered were of the best workmanship obtainable.—H. E. HACKMAN, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury.

### World's Boxing Championship.

Real lovers of boxing are "fed up" with the accounts of the "financial battle" between Dempsey and Carpentier. Why not set up an International Boxing Board of Control, with power to force a champion to fight within a given period—say, six months from the date of being challenged? If the present state of things is allowed to continue, youthful aspirants to the championship will be old men before being given a chance to bring it back to old Blighty!—R. MOBBS, Oakley, Eye, Suffolk.

### Milk for Pigs.

It is time the Government did something towards making farmers sell some of their surplus milk instead of feeding it to pigs, poultry, etc. I live in the country, within walking distance of several farms, where from three to a dozen cows are kept; *yet I cannot buy a drop of milk*, notwithstanding that I have a family of six children, and one a baby. But daily I can see pig and poultry troughs full to the brim with good milk, the half of which is usually wasted!—(MRS.) Q. STUART, Clochan, Enzie, by Portgordon.

### Barristers on Oath.

Barristers and solicitors, when addressing the Magistrates on a client's behalf, should be put upon their oath. I have many times heard both solicitors and barristers make statements to the Bench which I, and they, knew to be lies. If they were put on oath they would be more careful in their inquiries and not take for granted all their clients tell them, knowing that, if they deliberately mislead by lying, they would be punished the same as the witness.—W. WINTON, Shoreham House, Shoreham-by-Sea.

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### The Rubber Ring.

The Rubber Growers' Association announced that the scheme for restricting output would become operative as from Nov. 1st, "a sufficient number of producers having assented to the proposal." Here we have a powerful combine, controlling an article which is today essential to our commercial life, deliberately forcing up the price by creating an artificial scarcity; whilst operatives on all hands are being urged to increase production as the only means of saving the country from financial ruin. Is the Government going to take any action against this rubber ring? If not, why not?—R. CHESHIRE, Cricklewood Lane, N.W.2.

### Was It Worth It?

I am a War widow, and find if very difficult to convince my children that their daddy died to benefit Britain. My eldest girl was eight years old last week, when a playmate also had a birthday. My girlie *could not* understand why her playmate (whose daddy never went to the war and is far better off than before) should have a big doll, a pram, and a party, while she herself, whose daddy "died for Britain," could only have a cheap little pencil-case! If the sacrifice *was* for Britain's good, the widows and orphans are still the losers!—(Mrs.) J. HULTON, Hilltown, Dundee.

### "Free" Trade?

The above term is a misnomer as the foreigner actually comes in at a big advantage. The import duty imposed by other countries is calculated under two heads: a charge equal to the taxation imposed on their own manufacturers, and an additional heavy tax to protect their own industries. Switzerland believes in equality of taxation, and therefore imposes only a revenue tax equal to her own taxation. This is sensible "Free Trade," and in common justice to our own industries should be adopted.—W. R. PARKINSON, Longfield Road, Bolton.

### Land Speculators.

The old lament of the Rob Roy clan, "We're landless!" is echoed by our brave boys to-day. Why? Because thousands of acres lie waste, held up by speculators. The Glasgow Town Council is trying to acquire land for housing at Merryflatts, and the owner demands £425 per acre for it, though he returned the value "for rating purposes" at £5 per acre. That's the sort of thing that breeds "Bolshevism."—JOHN LEARMOUTH, Adamswell Street, Springburn, Glasgow.

### The "Overtime" Scandal.

Bermondsey Borough Council, I believe, has a Labour majority, also Bermondsey has an enormous number of unemployed, mainly ex-Service men. Yet it appears that the Council have been paying exorbitant "overtime" to certain of their employees, the amounts ranging from £8 to nearly £11 *weekly, in addition* to the ordinary wage of from £4 8s. to £5 5s.! It's time the rate-payers, *and* the unemployed insisted on such scandalous unfairness being ended!—A. J. BELLAMY, Creek Road, S.E.

### Labour's Future Policy.

Now that the coal strike is over, the Trade Unions should sit in Council and develop a *constructive* policy for the future. So far, their policy has been destructive from a National and Citizen point of view. Labour claims to be able to govern. What proofs of its ability to do so are—so far—produced? Sectional strikes for temporary advantages, or for tactical purposes, are no constructive policy. Let Labour take a larger and broader outlook, and it will soon be well backed up, and then perhaps will be in the position to govern.—F. B. MATTHEWS, Oakengates Vicarage, Salop.

### Self-Condemned.

Whenever the subject of Nationalisation is broached, the Government immediately point to the various branches of the Civil Service and say: "These are examples of businesses under State Control. Are you anxious for the whole business of the country to be as badly mismanaged as, for instance, the Postal and Telephone Services?" In bringing up this war-worn reply to all Nationalisation questions, the Coalition is not proving the undesirability of that form of State control, but admitting their own inability to put the public services on a business footing.—RICHARD BROWNING, Cambridge Street, S.E.5.

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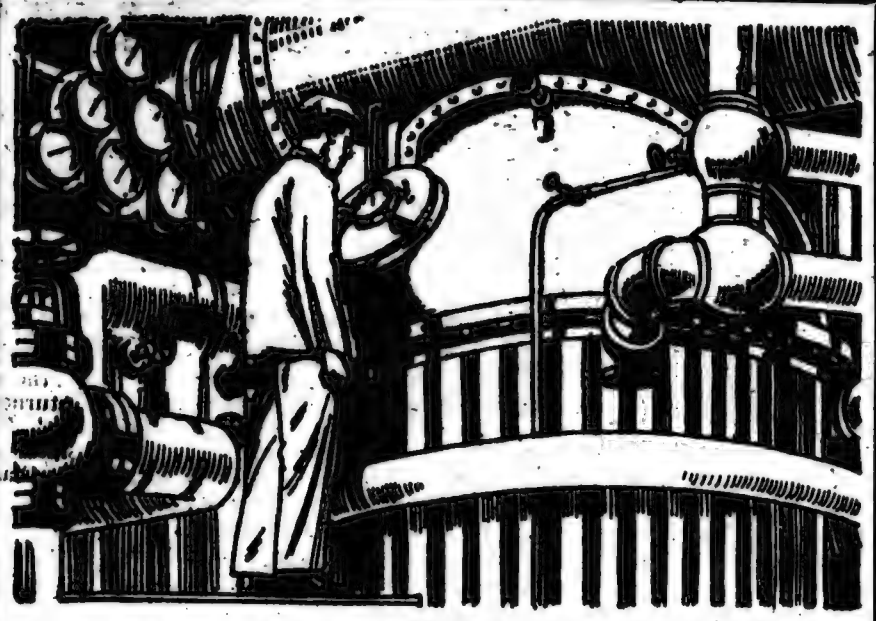

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**OUR PLEDGE.**—"No case of hardship or injustice, no instance of beggarly treatment or mean cheese-paring, shall go unchallenged or unremedied."—*Horatio Bottomley*, 19th August, 1916.

**A Sinecure!**—We are told on excellent authority that an appointment was given to a civilian by a Department nearly within gunshot range of Chelsea, and that the lucky fellow had no special knowledge or qualification for the work. He is excellently paid, but is such a failure that private instructions have been issued that no cases are to be submitted for his decision!

**Cheer Them Up:**—We feel sure that the Commandant of the Pensions Hospital at Ruskin Park is a good fellow. The poor spinal and other cases that have to lie down tell us, however, that they have but bare walls to look at, "no music and no pleasures at all." Perhaps the Pensions people skimp the hospital. Are there no local friends who would cheer up the poor men?

**Thou Shalt Not Soldier:**—An amazing Army Order has been issued, announcing that the King has "approved the disbandment of some 400 to 500 scheduled Volunteer Corps, and that their disbandment has been duly carried out"! Comment would be a work of supererogation.

**Military "Honours":**—An ex-soldier died in Dartford the other day, as a result of his wounds, and Woolwich promised to send a gun-carriage and 16 men as a funeral party, for which the widow was to pay £2. When the time came, the gun-carriage with one driver arrived, but no escort. It is to be hoped that the unfortunate widow has not been diddled out of her money.

**For the Skipper:**—His Majesty's trawler *Dee* is stationed on the West Coast of Ireland. Although but a small craft, the crew seem to be under battleship discipline. Will the Commander tell us if his men have to paint boats during the dog watches, and if the bunker coal is dealt with according to regulations? Enough said for the present!

**Combing Out:**—Is the manager of the Barnbow Government Works, at Leeds, satisfied that in combing out the staff he is removing the right men? From information received, we conclude that he is not. The men who fought must get a show.

**Help for Ex-Officers:**—The Executive Committee of the Officers' Association have decided to establish an advisory bureau, where all ex-officers who are members of the Association may obtain competent financial advice. Any ex-officer desiring to avail himself of the opportunity should communicate with the Hon. Legal Adviser in writing, at 48, Grosvenor Square, W.1.

**By Regulation:**—Have the Manchester War Pensions Committee regarded paragraph 318 of the official handbook, which lays down that the principal posts open must be advertised, and that preference must be given to ex-Service men? As the Editor of the *Skibbereen Eagle* remarked to the Czar of Russia, we are "keeping our eye" on the latest job of the Committee.

**Jack's Money:**—Prize bounty is ready for the officers and crews who destroyed the German armed vessels *Bremerhaven* and *Ober Burgermeister Adickesl*. The ships that participate are H.M.S. *Montrose*, *Scepire*, *Sylph* and *Starfish*. Salvage money is also to be paid to H.M. tug *Alligator* for salving the s.s. *Menapian* in October, 1918; and H.M. tug *Sprite* for similar service to the schooner *Flevio I.* in January last.

**Our Daily "Thank You":**—From A. T. E. (Bristol).—"Please allow me to tender my grateful thanks for your efforts on my behalf concerning arrears of pension. After having sent lots of letters and waited many weary weeks I appealed to you, and within a week the voucher for arrears arrived. I enclose a donation for your fund, only wishing I could afford ten times more."

## SPORTING NOTES.

### THIS WEEK'S RACING SELECTIONS.

DERBY—WEDNESDAY.
Markeaton Plate—CORN SACK.
Chesterfield Nursery—PHARMACIE or PRINCESS OF MARS.
Doveridge Plate—*SAVILE ROW.

DERBY—THURSDAY.
Osmaston Nursery—NIGHT BOMBER.
Allestree Welter—*KERASOS.
Hardwicke Plate—POLYCIRRUS.

DERBY—FRIDAY.
Chaddesden Plate—THE PRESIDENT.
Derby Cup—REDHEAD or ALASNAM.
Quarndon Plate—*MELOSAH.

HURST PARK—SATURDAY.
Sheen Plate—*DUTCHMAN.
Syon Handicap—TRESPASSER.
Osterley Nursery—PHARMACIE or BROXA.

**Result of 11th Football Competition.**

No competitor succeeded in sending a correct forecast of the fourteen matches played on November 6th. The following 14 competitors each sent a coupon with 12 correct results, and therefore divide the prize of £300—each receiving £21 8s. 7d.:—

M. Boyce, 188, Rathmines, Dublin; E. Brewitt, 70, Stanstead Rd., Forest Hill, S.E.23; P. Casey, 88, Church St., Hulme, Manchester; H. H. Foreman, Hunton, near Maidstone; J. Glendenning, 190, Garrioch Rd., Maryhill, Glasgow; Miss Maude Hicks, Uplands, Maybury Hill, Woking; A. H. Jones, 59, Ryelands St., Hereford; A. C. Lipscombe, 21, Redvers Rd., Brighton; D. H. Matthew, Lady Nairn Avenue, Kirkcaldy; G. Middleton, 34, Lilybank Place, Aberdeen; G. Shepherd, 5, Walngate, Whitchurch, Salop; G. Shepherd, The Elms, North Walsham; D. S. Turpie, jun., 11, Garden Rd., Stornoway; A. Windfield, Arundel Terrace, Bottomboat, Wakefield.

*(All enquiries in respect of sporting matters will be dealt with in the correspondence columns of the* SPORTING LIFE.)

# "The Greatest of These—"

*(Registered under the War Charities Act as the* JOHN BULL *War Sufferers' Fund.)*

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

**Missing:**—Having suffered from illness for a long time, a man has been missing from home for some weeks. His wife was in distress of mind, also of circumstances.

**Left:**—A soldier went out, fought, came home—and, like so many more, brooded over his hardships, and ultimately died in an asylum. The Pensions people helped towards the burial and we did the rest—as well as assisting the poor widow, who has three young children.

**Going "Dark":**—Another man held up our end of the stick with his rifle and bayonet, and was gassed. With his wife he ran a little business as a civilian; but now the business is gone, and the poor fellow is becoming blind.

**Where Neighbours Help:**—One trait of the poor is that they help each other. An ex-Tommy has a pension of 12s. a week, but cannot find work. He has a wife and four children—or had, until another arrived last week. The neighbours stood by the family as far as possible, but at last the stricken husband appealed to us.

**A Sufferer:**—Afflicted with consumption and waiting for death, a poor fellow with a wife to keep applied to us, and we naturally responded.

**The Common Plaint:**—An ex-soldier, with a wife and three children, is "living" on the out-of-work dole—like hundreds of others who apply to us. He, poor chap, is another victim of the shortage of employment.

## THE PITY OF IT.

You will remember our many assurances that every sixpence forwarded to us would be devoted to the relief of the genuinely distressed; you will remember also our remarks about the frauds who bombard us from north, south, east and west, and our announcement that one day we must prosecute those who attempted to obtain our readers' money by fraud.

Last week we had an agonising appeal in the handwriting of a man, who stated that he was an ex-soldier who had been wounded. He alleged that he had just lost two children through diphtheria, two others had the same disease, and his wife was about to enter hospital for an operation. The letter was accompanied by a doctor's certificate that the two children had died and that the others were ill. The case came from Barnsbury. We sent a special grant by hand through one of our Commissioners—who, however, found that the address was that of a small shop, the proprietress of which had been asked by the applicant to receive a registered letter on her behalf. Naturally our representative became suspicious, and visited the doctor who was supposed to have given the certificate. The medical man declared that he had never heard of the family in question, and that the document purporting to bear his signature was a forgery.

We therefore placed the matter in the hands of the police, with the result that when a miserable middle-aged woman called at the address given and asked for the decoy letter, she was arrested, and appeared at Bow Street. Our Counsel pointed out to the Magistrate that, in justice to our subscribers, we were bound to bring to book such glaring frauds, but entertained no vindictive feeling, and so, therefore, asked him merely to administer a severe reprimand that would be a warning to others. The woman was remanded, and we are glad to know that when she came up for final trial our appeal for mercy was heeded.

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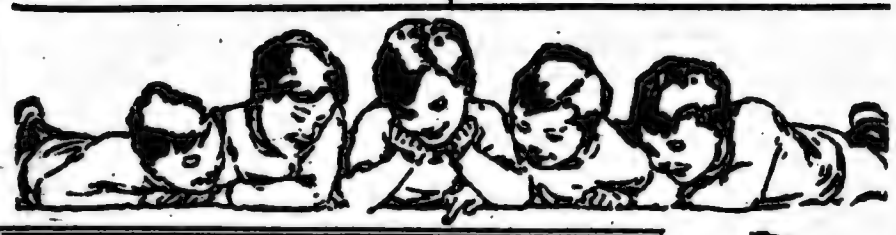


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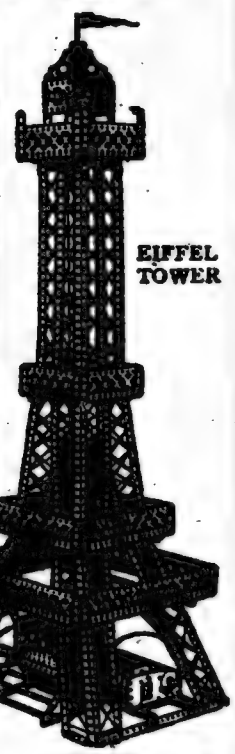

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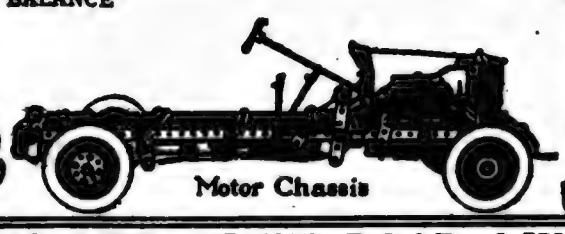

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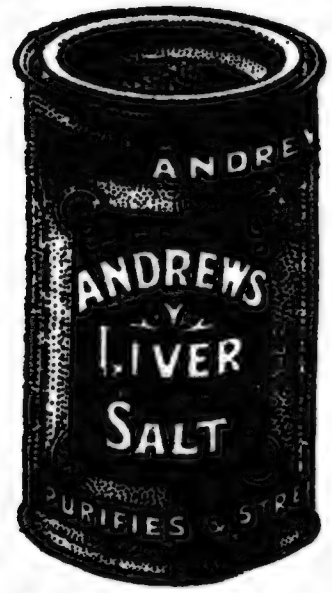


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# JOHN BULL IN THE CITY.

## ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

By OUR CITY EDITOR.

*Each enquiry must bear name and address and be accompanied by a Postal Order for One Shilling.*

**Fitful Exchanges.**

Foreign exchanges have been giving the City a great deal of anxiety recently. They often move in the diametrically opposite direction to what might be expected, and they continually puzzle the closest observers. Last month's returns of foreign trade indicate that we are not only paying for our imports by our exports, but allowing for shipping and other services there ought to be a handsome balance on the right side. Yet the New York rate (which dominates all the rest) has been steadily drifting towards the lowest on record. It is as annoying as it is unreasonable. Then it must not be forgotten that we are not now receiving large sums in dividends on American Stocks, as in pre-war days.

**Mexican Railway Traffics.**

On the basis of the net revenue earned by the Mexican Railway Co. in August, the profit for six months would be $2,123,000—or, converted at the exchange of 33d., about £292,000. If that materialises there would be sufficient to pay fixed charges, preference dividends, and 2½ per cent. per annum on the ordinary stock. Of course there are arrears to be got rid of before the ordinary gets a look in, but the country will make rapid progress under settled government.

**Exit Pussyfoot.**

The decisive rebuff to Pussyfootism recorded in the Scotch plebiscite has put a bit more heart into brewery shares. Allsopps, Bleckerts and City of London have been particularly in evidence. All the big companies, however, have been making enormous profits, but perhaps they will not do so well when the grandmotherly control is removed.

**Mappin and Webb.**

It is pleasant to learn that this well-known firm of jewellers and silversmiths, etc., placed the 200,000 ordinary shares and a similar number of 8 per cent. preference shares which were offered for subscription last week, well within the limit fixed for the closing of the lists. Both classes are excellent investments and the readiness with which the whole of the money was put up shows that the public have a good sense of discrimination when they choose to exercise it.

**A Light Steel Combine.**

Nor shall I be surprised if the investing public jumps at the opportunity now being afforded it of participating in an attractive issue of a million ten per cent. preference shares at par in Sheffield Steel Products, Ltd., a combine with a capital of nearly four millions owning or controlling a number of very old established businesses engaged in the Sheffield light trades such as table cutlery, scissors, pliers, spanners, wrenches, files, saws, etc. The profits of the existing company, with those of the businesses to be acquired, are now at the rate of nearly £350,000 per annum, sufficient to cover the preference dividend three times over. The issue is made under the auspices of Messrs. Geo. Clare & Co., Ltd., who have been associated with so many successful issues of late.

**The Poor Franc.**

Both the French and Belgian franc continue their downward career to the disquietude of many investors who have either been buying francs or taking up the National Bonds of those countries. My advice is to average and keep on averaging their holdings, and not to become alarmed.

**Aircraft Manufacturing.**

Early this year the control of this business was acquired by the Birmingham Small Arms Company, which seems to have jumped to the verdict and begun to examine the evidence afterwards. It was inevitable that there must be a slump in aeroplanes after the end of the war and the Aircraft Company very properly turned its attention to other lines which seemed to offer better prospects; but whether through inexperience or because markets were already becoming overstocked, the business undertaken proved of a very unprofitable character.

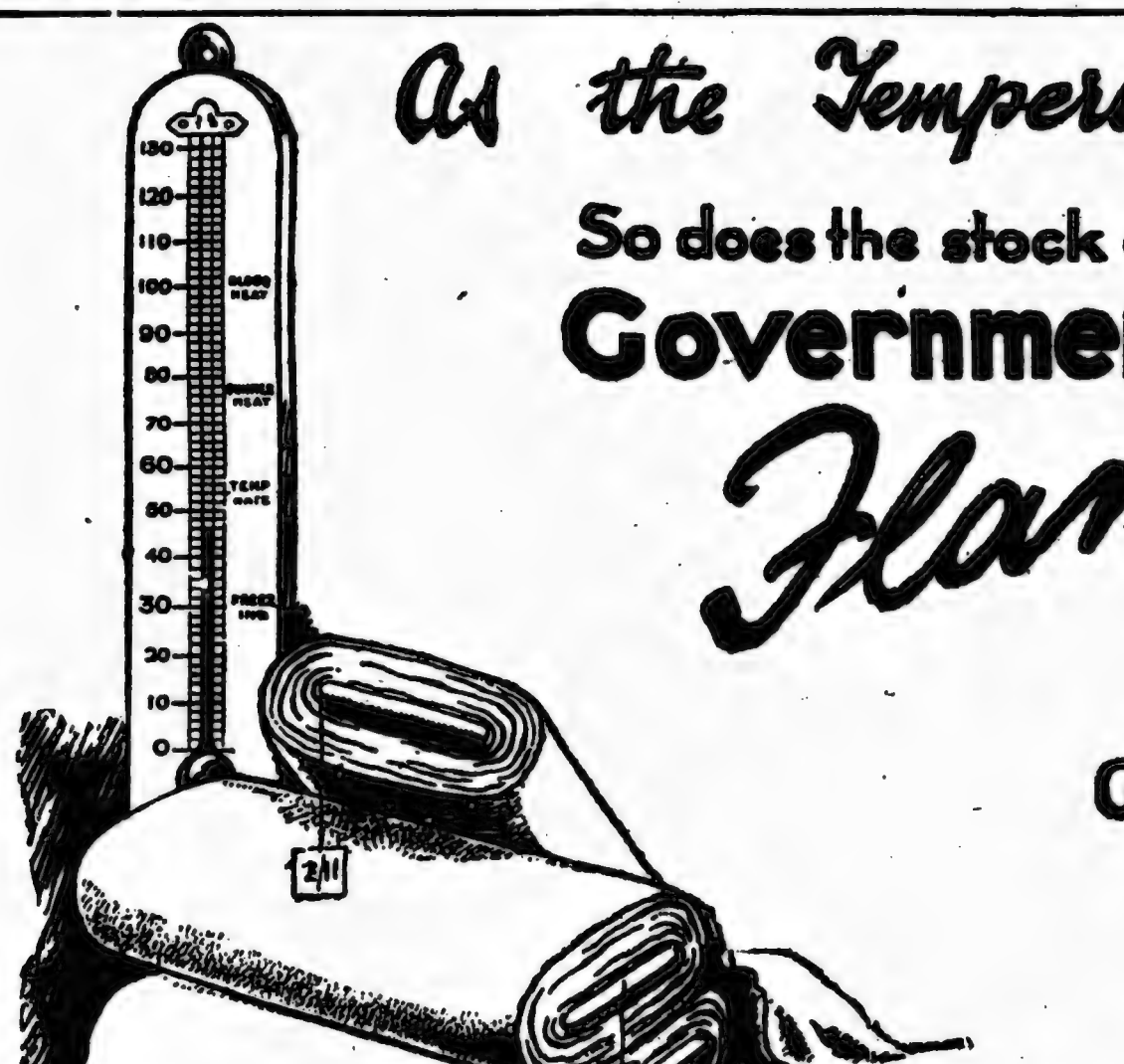
**B.S.A. Relief Scheme.**

The Birmingham Small Arms Co. meantime has guaranteed bank overdrafts amounting to some £650,000 and it now proposes that the preference shareholders and note holders should put up 55 per cent. of their nominal interest in the form of debentures to reduce the overdrafts. I cannot believe that the preference and note holders will do anything so foolish.

**Future of the Railways.**

Evidently with the object of throwing out a "feeler," an official report of a speech made last week by Sir Eric Geddes, the Minister of Transport, to the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, has now been issued. He tried to make out a case for the participation of the State in the future prosperity of the railways—should such an event ever occur, but it was by no means convincing, and Sir Eric will find strong organised opposition to his proposals.

*(Financial Letter Bag is unavoidably held over, but correspondents enclosing the necessary fee are answered direct by post.)*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The permission of the Committee of the Stock Exchange for dealing in the Shares now issued will be applied for in due course.

NO PART OF THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN OR WILL BE UNDERWRITTEN.

**The LIST of APPLICATIONS will CLOSE on or before the 24th November, 1920.**

# SHEFFIELD STEEL PRODUCTS LIMITED

(Registered under the Companies Acts, 1908 to 1917).

| Authorised. | CAPITAL. | Issued or included in the present issue |
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| £1,250,000 | in 10 Per Cent. Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each ... | £1,000,000 |
| £2,750,000 | in Ordinary Shares of £1 each... ... | £1,550,000 |

The Preference Shares are entitled to a fixed Cumulative Preference Dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, and to return of Capital and arrears of dividend in the case of winding-up in priority to the Ordinary Shares, but confer no further right to participate in profits or assets.

**Subscribers for Preference Shares will receive certificates conferring an option expiring 30th June, 1922, to subscribe at par for One Ordinary Share in respect of each Two Preference Shares allotted exercisable at any time prior to 1st June, 1922, by one month's notice in writing.**

ISSUE OF

## 1,000,000 10 per Cent. Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each at 20s. per Share.

Payable—

**2s. 6d. per Share on Application. 17s. 6d. per Share on Allotment.**

**DIRECTORS.**

ALWYN HOWARD WILD, Greystones Hall, Sheffield (Chairman and Managing Director).
JOSEPH JOHN JARVIS, 9, Old Broad Street, London, E.C. (Deputy-Chairman).
JOHN HENRY BARKER, M.I.Mech.E., Valnor Road, Sheffield (Manager, File and Saw Department).
ISAAC HEMMINGS, Broombank, Westbourne Road, Sheffield (Joint Managing Director, Hemmings and Co. (1920), Ltd.).
RICHARD EDWARD SKIPWITH, M.B.E., Ruddington, Notts. (Manager, Cutlery Dept.).
JOHN THOMAS WOOD, Oakwood, Taptonville-crescent, Sheffield. (Managing Director, John Wood and Sons, Ltd.).

**SOLICITORS.**

CLIFFORD TURNER AND HOPTON, 80, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

**AUDITORS.**

WILLIAM WING AND SON, F.C.A., Stirling Chambers, Sheffield.

**BROKERS.**

London: CAZENOVE AND AKROYDS, 43, Threadneedle Street, E.C.,
Birmingham: FYSHE AND HORTON, 3, Temple Row, West,
Cardiff: E. T. LYDDON AND SONS, 122, Bute Street,
Liverpool: CRICHTON BROS. AND TOWNLEY, The Atlantic, Brunswick Street,
Manchester: DAVID Q. HENRIQUES AND CO., 13, Pall Mall,
Nottingham: ARTHUR E. BLAKE, Prudential Buildings,
Sheffield: J. W. NICHOLSON AND SON, 2, High Street.
} and Stock Exchages.

**SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICE.**

E. R. EYRE, 14-16, Cockspur-Street, Pall Mall, London, S.W.

**GEORGE CLARE AND CO., LTD.**, 9, Old Broad-street, London, E.C.,
are authorised by the Company to invite applications for the above 1,000,000 10 per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares through their Bankers.

**BARCLAYS BANK, Limited**, City Office, 170, Fenchurch Street, E.C.;
Head Office, 54, Lombard Street, E.C., and Branches; and through the Bankers to the Company

**THE UNION BANK OF MANCHESTER, Limited**, High-street, Sheffield;
Head Office, York Street, Manchester, and Branches.

**Preferential treatment in allotment will be given to Shareholders and Customers of the Company.**

**ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.**

**Objects of Company.**—Sheffield Steel Products, Ltd., was incorporated in 1918, converted into a Public Company in August, 1919, and is to-day probably the largest manufacturer of Table Cutlery in the world. It is an amalgamation of the following important and successful businesses engaged in the Sheffield light trades such as Table Cutlery, Scissors, Pliers, Spanners, Wrenches, Turnscrews, Pincers, Files, Saws, Shears, Twist Drills, Magnets, Edge Tools, etc.:—

W. K. AND C. PEACE, LTD., established over 200 years ago, manufacturers of crucible and special steel files, saws, and edge tools.
CARR, WILD AND CO., LTD., having the largest drop forging plant in the United Kingdom for the production of scissors, pliers, and similar small tools.
BOSWELL, HATFIELD AND CO., LTD., cutlery manufacturers possessing the largest grinding and finishing plant for the production of table knives in Sheffield.
*MOSES EADON AND SONS, LTD., established in 1823, sole manufacturers of Vingo high-speed steels.
E. W. CHEESMAN AND CO., cutlery manufacturers.
JOSEPH PEACE AND CO., LTD., established 1710, manufacturers of saws, etc.
ARNOLD AND SON, scissors manufacturers.
CHAUCER PLATING CO., nickel and electro-platers.
THE SHEFFIELD SCISSORS, RAZOR AND TOOL CO., LTD., manufacturers of scissors, pliers, etc.
*OXLEY BROTHERS, LTD., iron founders.
*The Company owns the whole of the issued Share Capital of these Companies.

To the above, it is now proposed to add the following, by acquiring the undertakings and assets under the agreements below referred to:—

HEMMINGS AND CO. (1920), LTD., Sheffield. Rolling Mills, Bright Drawn Bar and Wire Drawers.
AMALGAMATED STAMPERS, LTD., Birmingham, embracing the Stamping and Drop Forging businesses of Armstrong, Stevens, and Son, Ltd (established 1835), Smethwick Stamping Co. and Steel Stampings, Ltd.
HERBERT PLUMPTON, LTD., Warrington, Tool and Plier Manufacturers, embracing the undertakings of George Plumpton, Ltd., Manufacturers of Telephone requisites, Thewlis Griffith and Edelsten, Ltd., (established 1815), Manufacturers of Lancashire Files, and the Lancashire Tool Co., the largest Manufacturers of Pliers in the United Kingdom.

**Economy of Production.**—The linking-up of the above businesses will make the Company almost entirely self-contained, and allow it to produce at the lowest possible cost as the most modern methods of production suitable for manufacture in bulk are being adopted.

When the whole of the new machinery has been installed, it is expected that the Company will effect a saving of as much as 35 per cent. in the cost of production, whilst considerable progress has already been made in reducing manufacturing costs to well below those of other firms in Sheffield.

**Objects of Issue.**—The objects of this issue are to provide that part of the purchase-price payable in cash—£363,179—in respect of the additional businesses now to be acquired, to reduce the loans from the Company's bankers now secured on the Company's freehold and leasehold properties, and for further working capital to enable the Company to complete its programme.

**Profits and Assets.**—As shown by the Auditor's certificate hereunder, the profits of the Company and of the businesses to be acquired are now at the rate of £336,876 per annum (notwithstanding that until completion of the new works a considerable part of the capital is unproductive), which is enough, subject to taxation, to cover the dividend on the Preference Shares more than three times, whilst from the same certificate it will be seen that the amount of surplus assets, including the proceeds of this issue, will secure the Preference Shares now offered nearly three times without taking into account the value of the patents, trade-marks, or goodwill. When the whole of the capital, including that now offered, is employed in production, and further savings have been effected in overhead charges by unification in control, the above profits should be very largely increased—the Managing Director estimating that they should be almost doubled.

**Works.**—The main factory at Templeborough, Sheffield, stands on freehold land of over 30 acres, and is believed to be the largest table cutlery works in the world—the main shop alone covering over 8 acres. A steel plant and rolling mills are being constructed at a cost of £285,000 in which will be manufactured and rolled the high-grade steels required by the Company, and a blue-water gas-plant is nearing completion, costing over £58,000, which will effect a large saving in the fuel bill, which forms a most important item in the cost of manufacture.

**Output.**—The present output of some of the chief lines of the combined businesses is at the rate of 1,500,000 pairs of Pliers, 2,000,000 Spanners, 2,000,000 Saws, 7,000,000 Files, and 7,000,000 pieces of Table Cutlery per annum, which figure should be doubled in 1921.

When fully equipped the Company will manufacture the greater part of the Pliers made in England, about half the Files and Spanners, and more Table Cutlery than all other British works combined.

**Management.**—As Chairman and Managing Director, the Company enjoys the full-time services of Mr. A. H. Wild, who is assisted by a Board of Directors who each have intimate knowledge and experience of some particular branch of the Company's activities.

The Directors hold between them over 500,000 Ordinary Shares of the Company.

**Prospects.**—The Company supplies its products, most of which are articles in everyday use, to some 50,000 customers in all parts of the world, and orders are in hand which will keep the works fully employed for a long time to come. The low cost at which the Company produces is already enabling it to compete successfully in foreign markets, even where high protective tariffs are imposed, and the Directors are confident that the Company will become the chief supplier of its own class of goods in all markets of the world.

**Auditors' Certificate.**

To the Directors SHEFFIELD STEEL PRODUCTS, LTD.,
Stirling Chambers, Sheffield,
9th November, 1920.

Gentlemen,—As Auditors to Sheffield Steel Products, Ltd., we have examined your books, the valuation of Messrs. Fowler and Hugman, and the Auditors' Certificates and Accounts of the following Companies: Moses Eadon and Sons, Ltd., Oxley Bros., Ltd., Joseph Peace and Co., Ltd., Carr, Wild and Co., Ltd., Steel Stampings, Ltd., E. W. Cheesman and Co., The Sheffield Scissors, Razor, and Tool Co., Ltd., Armstrong, Stevens, and Son, Ltd., W. K. and C. Peace, Ltd., Boswell Hatfield & Co., Ltd., Smethwick Stamping Co., George Plumpton, Ltd., Hemmings and Co. (1920), Ltd., Amalgamated Stampers, Ltd., Thewlis, Griffith and Edelsten, Ltd., Arnold and Son, The Chaucer Plating Co., and in the case of Herbert Plumpton, Ltd., the Certificate of the officials of the Company—the audited accounts not yet being completed, and thereupon certify:—

(a) That the combined profits, before charging Interest, Directors' Salaries and Taxation, but after charging Depreciation, were as follows:—

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| For the years ending in ... | 1918 ... | £126,243 |
| ,, ,, ,, ... ... | 1917 ... | £166,375 |
| ,, ,, ,, ... ... | 1918 ... | £203,697 |
| ,, ,, ,, ... ... | 1919 ... | £222,554 |
| ,, broken periods of varying lengths, of not less than six months ending 30th September, 1920, at the rate of | | £336,876 per annum. |

(b) The Assets and Liabilities as on 30th September, 1920, to be:—

| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
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| Freehold and Leasehold Land and Buildings ... ... | 944,125 0 0 | |
| Fixed Plant, Machinery, Factory and Warehouse Fittings, Loose Plant and Tools, Office Equipment, Motor Vans, Locomotives, etc. ... ... ... (As valued by Messrs. Fowler & Hugman) | 1,221,675 0 0 | |
| Stock on hand as certified by the Officials of the Companies ... | 611,658 16 3 | |
| Debtors ... ... ... ... | 637,839 16 1 | |
| | 3,413,698 6 4 | |
| Deduct Liabilities — Creditors and Bank Overdrafts (less cash in hand), £222,361 13s. 4d. Liability for taxation (estimated by the Directors), £123,874 0 0 ... ... | 1,046,235 13 4 | |
| Excess of Assets over Liabilities at 30th September, 1920 ... | 2,367,462 13 0 | |
| Add: Investments since agreed to be acquired at cost ... | 51,250 0 0 | |
| | 2,418,812 13 0 | |
| Deduct: Cash payable on purchase of additional businesses £363,179, less £3,000 deposit paid ... ... ... ... | 360,179 0 0 | |
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Nothing is included in the above assets in respect of Goodwill, Patent Rights and Trade-Marks.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM WING & SON,
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(C5)

ISSUE OF

**1,000,000 10 per Cent. Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each, at 20s. per Share.**

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To the Directors, SHEFFIELD STEEL PRODUCTS, LIMITED.

Gentlemen,—Having paid to your Bankers the sum of £....., being a Deposit of 2s. 6d. per Share on Application for ..... Preference Shares of £1 each of the above Company I/we request you to allot me/us that number upon the terms of the Prospectus dated 13th November, 1920, subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the said Company, and I/we hereby agree to accept the same or any smaller number that may be allotted to me/us, and to pay the balance due from me/us as specified in the said Prospectus, and I/we authorise you to register me/us as the holder of the said Shares. I/We hereby declare that this application is not made by or for the benefit of an enemy subject within the meaning of the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1916.

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Usual Signature.....

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Address in full .....

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Occupation .....
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# "John Bull's" Letter Bag.

*[The EDITOR replies to, and chats with, some of his numerous correspondents.]*

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LETTERS *must be addressed to the Editor, or Publishers, 93, Long Acre, W.C.2 according to whether they relate to Editorial or Publishing matters.* FINANCIAL *or* LEGAL *enquiries should be addressed to the Financial or Legal Editor, and must each be accompanied by a postal order for one shilling. No fee is charged in respect of other enquiries. Full name and address should be given.*

F. H. E. (Scotstoun, W.).—We think with you that General Townshend was badly mistreated by the Government. Every war has its scapegoats.

C. E. E. (City) suggests for an article "The Government don't pay; why should you?" We must be patriotic, even if we are poor.

C. H. C. (Sheffield).—"You are an Englishman of the right kidney." Thanks; we are also tolerably sound in heart and liver.

"HERALD" (Birmingham).—A higher hand than the Premier's has "set MacSwiney free." Leave it at that.

H. C. (Dowlais).—"The article is one of the finest you ever penned." Read this week's. And next.

J. C. (Glasgow) describes as a "positive outrage" the "arrest" of £5 of his yearly wages for Income Tax. We can't find words to express our opinion of the arrest of a huge percentage of ours.

"IRISHWOMAN" (Dublin). — "JOHN BULL is not procurable in the parish I come from, as the Roman Catholic priests have tabooed it as immoral." A papal bull against a paper "Bull," so to say. And a ridiculous one.

D. B. (Hammersmith).—The ideal state would be Britain for the British. Huns we don't want, and of other foreigners we have far too many, even if they are "good."

H. S. H. (Los Angeles).—Please don't trouble to send further samples of Yankee impertinence. The one mentioned fairly "got the goat" of our new office boy.

"DISGUSTED" (Ponder's End).—"I am surprised at you." You are surprised, evidently, where your ponders end. Well, we are sometimes surprised at ourselves.

B. B. (Pitlochry).—The Education Act is all right so long as it is interpreted in the spirit rather than in the letter. For the Dunfermline Sheriff Court to fine a poor woman 10s. for taking her two fourteen-year-old boys away from school to enable her to eke out a scanty livelihood, was as cruel as it was absurd.

A. H. (Carlisle) AND OTHERS.—It is, of course, impossible for us to carry in our mind the whole of the deaths and appointments in public life as announced in the newspapers from day to day. All the current books of reference give the name of Dr. Diggle as holding the Bishopric of Carlisle—though, we are sorry to hear, he died a few months ago.

B. L. (Sheerness).—"I am glad to say you are an M.P." To tell you the truth, so are we.

MARGARET J. D. (Trecwn, Durback).—"The impudent and stiff-hearted Devils say I used to be a Christian, but now I am believing in JOHN BULL." Practically the same thing.

"A BARD" (Brum).—"That was a clinking article you gave us on the coal strike." It is not unusual to find a clinker associated with coal.

W. C. (Leytonstone).—"One can only draw conclusions, from what has taken place in the heart of London in connection with Lord Mayor Mac Swiney's funeral, that there is not a single loyal Catholic in the United Kingdom." We know one or two.

"EX-MIDSHIPMAN" (s.s. *Grantully Castle*).—It is certainly a shame that "while hundreds of Britishers are waiting for passages, Germans, Poles, and other foreigners should have no difficulty in getting to our colonies."

J. L. D. (Weymouth).—We note your motto—"One man, one bone." Perhaps you would undertake to furnish us with a new National Anthem.

D. N. (Bury).—Afraid it might be difficult for us to get more wages for your friend, although from what you tell us she appears to be worth half the cash at the Bank of England.

"COUNTRY SUB" (Kenton).—"No one ever says a word about the poor old rural postmaster." But since you wrote us we have muttered horribly to ourselves.

"CRITICUS" AND OTHERS.—The whole point of our recent article on Teachers' salaries was that very many of them do *not* benefit by the new scale recommended by the Burnham Committee.

J. S. B. (Doncaster).—It has "come to your notice" and you therefore allege bad conditions and small wages paid to waitresses at the Y.M.C.A. Why don't *they* complain?

G. H. (W. Felton) says West Felton subscribed £200 for a war memorial 12 months ago, but nothing is doing yet. Perhaps it intends to get a move on when the last trump sounds.

"RONALD" (Toronto), a Walthamstow emigrant to Canada complains of the "abominable manner in which English men and women are treated in the Civil Detention Immigration Buildings, Quebec."

R. M. J. (King's Lynn).—"Please give this to Mr. Smillie." We are not on speaking terms.

R. R. (Leith).—"The Prime Minister ought to be protected when he goes out." His wife looks after him.

R. T. (Carlisle).—"I returned cod-liver and malt to doctor as unfit to take, and they said that was what they gave for Panel patients." Afraid your experience is only too common.

W. G. H. (Kamloops, B.C.).—"Lamp shades should naturally have some relation to the furnishings they are to cohabit with," is a queer sentence to find in an advertisement, but it is good, though unusual, English, and not so naughty as it sounds.

"INSPECTOR" (Stratford).—There appears to be a good deal of truth in your contention that the adoption of the eight-hour day and the consequent promotion of inexperienced firemen to drivers' jobs, are largely responsible for the increased number of railway accidents.

T. W. A. W. (Tadworth).—Lucky that the two gentlemen on the top of the Epsom 'bus who made a mutual examination of one another's false teeth, did not carry their anatomical investigations further.

"WORRIED" (Herne Hill). — "The fence in our garden is down, and the landlord will not put it up; what steps are we to take to force him to put it up?" Rapid steps in the direction of the County Court.

C. E. (Prestatyn).—"I wonder what would happen if we wives and mothers went on strike?" So do we.

"OLD READER" (Birmingham). — Please write us fully in confidence.

E. S. (Leckhampstead).—Can't say whether the Food Controller would call a man who bought honey at 1s. 9d. a lb. and sold it at 2s. 9d., a profiteer. Why not call him yourself?

"FREEMASON'S WIDOW" (Southend).—"Our Vicar asked for a generous response to pay off debt on a house for the curates; was I rude in telling him I had been 30 years trying to pay off mine?" Not rude, but rough.

A. B. (London) thus: "Oh, Glorious Unknown who for England did die, They are bringing you home to rest, In the Abbey for ever in splendour you'll lie, Along with the bravest and best."

E. M. W. (Peckham).—"The firm expects two crepe-de-chine jumpers an hour, which totals 90 a week, for 34s. a week. Is this work or slavery?" Can't say. We have never jumped.

A. H. (Wath-on-Dearne).—It is unquestionable that in numbers of cases the unemployment dole has been scandalously abused.

A. E. S. (Droitwich).—We do not advise you to marry a man of 62 who "won't adopt baby too." Ten to one he couldn't make it up to you.

W. D. M. L. (North Wales).—We do not agree that it would solve the Irish problem to "close down the Belfast shipbuilding yards." What about the thousands of workpeople who would be thrown out of work?

E. A. G. (South Lambeth).—So you think "women should give way to men." Always of course, within the limits of propriety.

"DEAF MUTE" (Finsbury Park).—Our attention has been called to the splendid work carried on by the North London Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, and we sincerely trust the Committee will be successful in raising the special fund of £1,000 at which they are aiming. Few worthier objects exist.

"POET."—Your limerick not worth two-penn'orth of bad gin. Perhaps the epic style would afford larger scope for your talents.

J. R. N. (Bury).—Sadly afraid your old friend, with 30s. a week pension, will not be given the Old Age Pension, however deserving his case. Officials go by figures, not by feelings.

J. M. (Linlithgow).—Miners' wives have votes—but not on strike affairs. Wish they had.

S. R. P. (London).—Like good wine, some of us improve with age.

P. (Hereford).—"To my knowledge they have separate besteads." Much the better way if one of them kicks.

C. W. V. J. (Swansea).—We were sorry to read the Bishop of Zanzibar's allegation of slavery in British East Africa, but trust that in his zeal he has exaggerated.

J. W. (Barnoldswick).—"Give the old lady what we termed in the Army a raspberry." Not in this current issue.

J. P. B. S. (Dunkeld).—"An eye for an eye, so I'll make you dry, cried the thirstless Pussyfoot Johnson." But, praise the pigs, there's still enough liquor left in Scotland to wet the other eye.

"A READER" (Brighton).—"There was a bad poet named Bridges Whose love for the Hun was prodidges." Let's have a better rhyme, even though the reason is good enough.

"CONSTANT READER" (Southampton).—"Some toffs are never satisfied." Nor are quite a lot of blokes.

T. D. (Detroit).—"I am glad to see you pulling for a war with the U.S. I am pulling just as hard on this side for a no-quarter battle with the British. . . . We will get Canada and the islands first crack out of the box." Here we have one of the horrible results of a "dry" America.

J. F. (Sheffield).—"A few lines in your paper will put the breeze up these twisters." We have frequently exposed the Stockwell Watch Co., Stockwell Green, S.W., who obtain money by misleading ads.

"PAINTER'S GIRL" (Pimlico).—"Why, if I were earning 30s. a week I would think I got a gold mine." Hope you won't be long in thinking.

MRS. C. (Clapton), who has a son out of work for 18 weeks, asks "Can nothing be done to alter things?" Well, we might scrap the Exchanges and consider what we can do with the money thus saved.

"WEARY WILLIE" (Bristol).—"We notice 600 Huns have landed to take away our jobs and houses." That's Hunsettling.

*(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)*


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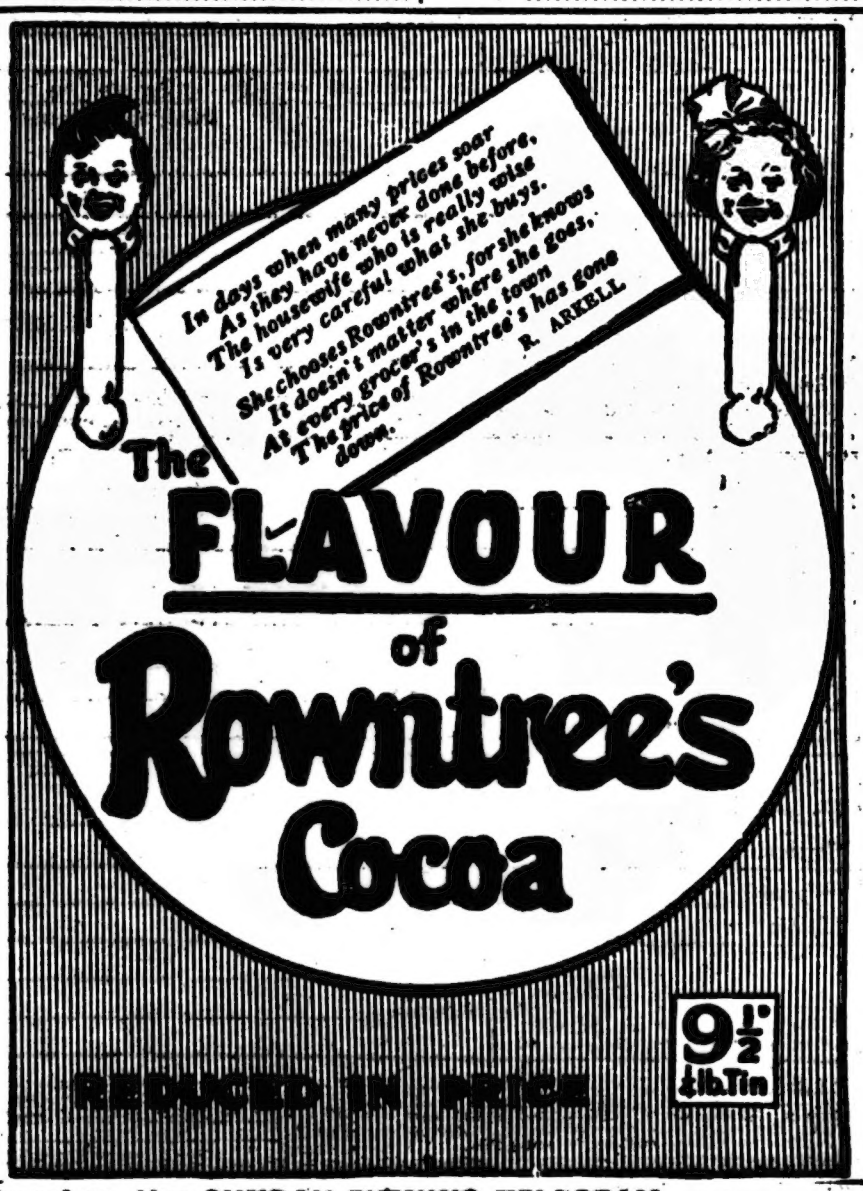

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| AN OPTIMIST | EMPTY CUPBOARD | ROARING TRADE | WOMAN'S TONGUE |
| NOT FOND OF WORK | NO RIGHT HERE | SELLING OFF | THE LARGEST THREAT |
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5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

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MISS A. CUNFSTEY, 47, Lytham Rd., Fulwood, Preston: AFTER THE BALL—"FOLLOWING UP" AN ADVANTAGE.
MR. G. A. KAY, 44, Jubilee Tce., Dale St., Edgeley, Stockport: ENGLAND'S MASTER—OF HERSELF—TELL CRANES.
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Nov. 20, 1920.

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**READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.**

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issue of JOHN BULL containing this competition. Coupons must be completely filled in with ink in ordinary handwriting (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed), and in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £1,500 (fifteen hundred pounds) will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon containing the correct result of all the matches played to a finish. If no competitor succeeds in giving all the correct results, the sum of £1,500 will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon with the most correct results. In the event of a tie or ties, the prize to be won will be equally divided amongst the most successful competitors. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £1,500. Should any match not be played to a finish on the date given, or as set out on the coupon, it will be disregarded.

**HOW TO FILL UP YOUR COUPONS.**

If you think the "Home" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Home"; if you think the "Away" team will win place a X in the column headed "Away"; if you think the result will be a Draw, place a X in the column headed "Draw." **only one X must be entered for each match.** Coupons must be completely filled up in ink.

(3) Fourteen crosses in all must be marked on each coupon, one for each match. Coupons marked otherwise will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into nor will interviews be granted.

(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than November 25th will be disqualified.

(6) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all entries as follows: Football Competition No. 13, "JOHN BULL," 31, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2. Write "Football" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other Competitions.

**COMPETITORS MAY SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.**

RESULT OF OUR ELEVENTH FOOTBALL COMPETITION APPEARS ON PAGE 13

### "JOHN BULL" FREE FOOTBALL COUPON.

Matches to be played on Saturday, November 27th. Coupons must reach us not later than Thursday, November 25th.

| Home Team | | Away Team | Home | Away | Draw |
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| Arsenal | v. | Huddersfield T. | | | |
| Bradford | v. | Aston Villa | | | |
| Derby County | v. | Middlesbrough | | | |
| Liverpool | v. | Newcastle U. | | | |
| Preston N. E. | v. | Tottenham H. | | | |
| Sunderland | v. | Everton | | | |
| Coventry City | v. | Leeds United | | | |
| Hull City | v. | South Shields | | | |
| Notts Forest | v. | Bristol City | | | |
| Rotherham C. | v. | Clapton Orient | | | |
| Bristol Rovers | v. | Southampton | | | |
| Norwich City | v. | Luton Town | | | |
| Southend United | v. | Merthyr Town | | | |
| Watford | v. | Millwall | | | |

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(13) SIGNED .....

ADDRESS .....

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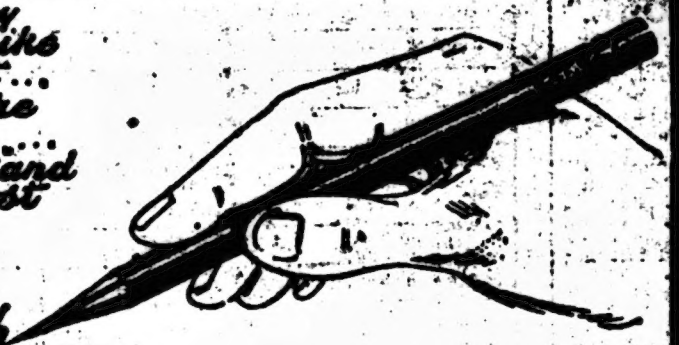

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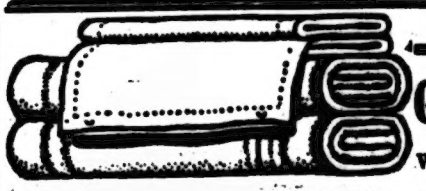

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